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May 1999

Attached is a difficult document to find. It is a copy of the research notes of A. E. Gurley who was researching the southern Gurley lines in the 1890's.

Caution - there are many errors and assumptions included among the true facts.

However, these notes originally were transcribed by Jim Bradley in 1946 and contain guideposts for beginning to research the southern Gurley lines.

Please contact me if you want to share information about your line and project.

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SOME OF THE GENEALOGICAL NOTES COLLECTED BY THE LATE A. E. GURLEY.PREFACE.

In the late 1890s, A. E. Gurley, of Willimantic, Conn., who had previously published a book on the genealogy of the Gurleys in the Northern states, made a trip through Virginia, the Carolinas and as far south as Oadistown, Ga., collecting data on the Gurleys in the Southern states for a second volume of his Gurley genealogy. There is evidence that, as late as 1911, he was still sending out questionnaires to various Gurleys over the country, asking for information on their ancestry.

Unfortunately, Mr. Gurley died before he could publish his second volume. Subsequently, a member of the Gurley family living in Texas acquired all of the data which Mr. Gurley had collected and has loaned what is left of same to the writer hereof, explaining that a careless servant had thrown out some of it, particularly a large batch of letters.

Some of this data is in the handwriting of A. E. Gurley and some of it is typed. As he went to great pains to copy long deeds and wills and inventories in full, the writer will condense many of these documents, omitting as much as possible of the data which is of no genealogical value. At times, the writer will splice in between ()s some of the data which he has collected. Mr. Gurley evidently started his quest in Southampton Co. Va.

Nicholas Gurley, one of the first settlers of Southampton County, Virginia.

Nicholas Gurley, of Nottaway, Southampton county, Va., married Ann _____?

Mr. Nicholas Gurley died (according to his will in 1782, this being the year his will was probated, but his property it seems was not inventoried until July 30, 1783. His widow, Mrs. Ann Gurley, died _____

Children of Nicholas Gurley and Ann, his wife:

Benjamin,	Born _____
William,	Born _____
Nicholas,	Born _____

Will of Nicholas Gurley of Southampton County, Virginia.

"In the name of God, Amen. I, Nicholas Gurley, of the county of Southampton & Parish of Nottaway, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, thanks be given to almighty God for the same.

I make and constitute this my last will and testament in form and manner following, that is to say:

I give & bequeath to my son Benjamin Gurley the land and Plantation whereon he now lives with the appurtenance to him & his Heirs forever, but if my sd. son Benjamin should die without Heir lawfully begotten of his own body, I then give and bequeath the sd. land unto my son, Nicholas Gurley & his heirs forever. I also give and bequeath unto my sd. son, Benjamin, my young Gray mare, Bridle and saddle, provided he surrender when demanded unto my estate the Foal wherewith the Mare now goes if brought forth alive; also gun, a small iron pot and Feather Bed & Furniture, all which things are now actually in his Possession & also my Coopers tools. Further more my will and desire is that if my sd. son, Benjamin, should have Heirs lawfully begotten as aforesaid, that then in such case all the remainder of my Lands to be Equally Divided between my two sons, William & Nicholas & their heirs forever, but if my sd. son, Benjamin, should die without heirs lawfully

(Will of Nicholas Gurley, continued)

Boughton of his body then my desire is that my son, Nicholas, have no right, Title or interest in the Division of the sd. Dividend of Land last mentioned but be the sole property of my son, William, and his Heirs forever. (After bequests of articles of personal property to his sons William and Nicholas, the will continues:)

Lastly, my will and desire is that the remainder of my estate that shall be left after payment of my debts and Legacies be & remain in my wife Ann's Hands during her life or widowhood for the support of herself and children but if she should marry to be equally divided between my two sons, William and Nicholas & my said wife, Ann, also I do appoint my trusty Friends, George Gurley in and Joseph Cobb whole and sole Executors of this my last will and testament, ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have herunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 23 day of April & year of our Lord, 1761.

His
Nicholas X Gurley
Mark

Signed, sealed, delivered, Published &
Declared as & for my last Will and Testament
in presence of

George Gurley, Son.
Thomas Edwards (by his x)
Mary Gurley, Jun. (by her x)"

"At a court held for the County of Southampton, the 11th. Day of March, 1762, This will was presented in Court by George Gurley Jr. & Joseph Cobb, the executors thereon named, proved by the oaths of George Gurley, Son, and Thomas Edwards, two of the witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded, & on the motion of the said Executors who made oath according to law, certificate was granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof giving security."

Test R. Kello, C.C."

(Testator's fears that his son, Benjamin, might die without heirs appear to have been well founded for Southampton W.B. 1, p. 465, under date of March 11, 1762, records an inventory and appraisement of estate of Benjamin Gurley, Dec'd., as have contained 31 L, 12 S. & 7½ d. of personal property, only.

William and Nicholas appear to have moved to Johnson Co., N.C., but Nicholas disappears from records there after 1782. Two deeds in Johnson Co., N.C. in 1782 & 1786, indicate that Ann, wife of Nicholas, may have also moved to Johnson Co.)

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, VA., Book of Wills, Pages 53 & 54

An account current of the Estate of Nicholas Gurley, deceased, July 30, 1763.

(An itemized list of expense of administration, showing a balance of 30 L, 9 S & 0 d left in hands of widow, as submitted by George Gurley, Jun., executor. Was certified to be correct by M. Edwards and Henry Thomas, and ordered to be recorded.)

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(Va. Land Office, Book 15, p. 157, lists a land grant, by George the Second, of 150 acres, on south side of the Nottaway River to George Gurley, of Isle of Wight Co. Va. (Southampton carved therefrom in 1748) dated Feb. 28, 1735, and page 169 of same book shows that, on same date, George 2nd, likewise granted 150 acres in same locality to Nicholas Gurley, which clearly indicates a very close connection between George and Nicholas. If they were not brothers, they must have been at least cousins.)

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John Gurley of Southampton Co. Va. married Elizabeth W. (or Betsey) Gilliam. His will probated Feb. 16, 1807. His widow, Elizabeth W. Gurley died

According to his disposition of his property it appears that he had no children, and according to the inventory of his property he must have died leaving quite a large estate both real and personal and must have been a man who carried on and done quite a large business and must have been a man of considerable wealth, as the furnishing of his house would indicate.

Will of John Gurley of Southampton County Va.

"In the name of God, Amen, (etc., & goes on to make bequests in following order) To his nephew, John Edwards, a negro boy named Jack. To his nephew, John Drake, a negro boy, named Bob. To my wife, Elisabeth W. Gurley and her heirs forever all my land and tenements". It appoints her sole heir of all property except above legacies and names her the sole executrix. Dated October 17, 1805. Signed (no mark) John Gurley (Seal) in presence of John Whitbee, Patsy Drake, Benjamin Edwards & Littleberry Baines. Probated Feb. 16, 1807.

An Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of John Gurley, Dec'd., taken Mar. 2, 1807.

(Appraisal lists five slaves and lists every animal, tool, piece of furniture, cooking utensil, etc., filling four sheets of paper, evening mentioning a "parcel of soap and tallow". Total value not tabulated. Certified to by Henry Thomas, Pilgrim Vick and Thomas Newson Jr. Order recorded on ___ day of April, 1807.)

Land Records of Southampton County, Va., Book 2, Page 306.

George Gurley of Southampton County & Parish of Nottaway, Va., Deeds to George Gurley, Jun. a certain tract or parcel of land with all that is on it (but no buildings are mentioned in the deed) the land contains 150 acres, price 24 pounds of good and lawful money of Virginia

(Signed, no x) George Gurley (Seal)

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of us,
Thomas Storrs
Benjamin Wood.

The above deed was recorded Jan. 10, 1760.

The above piece of land lays about six miles south of Courtland, county seat of Southampton county, Va. and is known as the "Parson George Gurley Plantation."

(This is probably the same 150 acres granted to George Gurley on Feb. 28, 1733.)

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Book 7, Page 700.

George Gurley of Southampton County (& Parish of Nottaway) Va., Deeds as a gift to his son, John Gurley, two pieces or parcels of land, with all the appertanances thereto. This deed dates Oct. 9, 1792. This is the first time the name of John Gurley appears on the land records.

(Southampton County, Va. Land Record notes of A. E. Gurley, Continued)

The name of Henry Gurley first appears on the land records April 1, 1817, and many times afterwards.

The name of John M. Gurley first appears on the land records Sept. 1, 1821, and many times afterwards.

Between the years 1760 & 1828, the Gurleys of Southampton County, Va., bought and sold 70 different pieces of land, which goes to show that they were men of ability, industry and wealth.

The first Deed of any land to any Gurley on the land records of Southampton County, Va. is given in Book 2, Page 306, where George Gurley Deeds to George Gurley, Jun. and says: George Gurley of Southampton County & Parish of Nottaway, this deed is dated Jan. 10, 1760; the records do not show where this George Gurley, Sen. came from or how he came in possession of this land, therefore it is presumed he came in possession of this land by a Land Grant from the State of Virginia some years previous to the date of this Deed.

Virginia, like North Carolina in the early part of the 17th century, kept no county records, the land records were all kept at the Capitol of the State, and titles to land was obtained by a Patent called a Land Grant and had to be signed and given by the Governors of the State, and people who purchased land in these States in those days were called Land Proprietors.

Virginia and North Carolina in those days was very thinly settled and was practically a vast wilderness, inhabited by a few tribes of Indians.

The Buffalo, Deer and Bear were plenty in the forests, and the streams of water abounded with fish, which made it good hunting and fishing for the red man, but soon after the white man began to ~~inhabitate~~ settle in the Southern States the Indians began to be troublesome and they were driven from their habitations across the Mississippi River, and from that day down to the present time those lands have been cultivated by the white man and negro.

(The foregoing constitute all of the A.E.G. records from Southampton Co. Va., but on a sheet of The James Hotel stationery, of Washington, D. C., bearing a date line of "Washington, D. C. _____, 189__" appears the following, the State and Co. not named.)

Wills.

Mary Gurley	Book 2, Page 84
Edwards Gurley	Book 2, Page 307
John Gurley,	Book 2, Page 309

(On back of this letterhead the following was written)

Marriages, Index Book.

- Robert Gurley	to Nancy Greene	Page 211
Daniel Gurley	" Altara Jordan	" 391
Willis Gurley	" Lydia Gurley	" 401
- Henry Gurley	" Polly Jones	" 436
Joseph Gurley	" Elizabeth Thomas	" 441
Monroe Gurley	" Harriet Lynch	" 466
Daniel Gurley	" Edith Phillips	" 471
Raiford Gurley	" Cerry Howell	" 520
- Jonathon Gurley	" Rene Bailey	" 176
Frederick Gurley	" Patinee Finer	" 174
- Arthur Gurley	" Polly Pulin	" 178
Maurice Gurley	" Elizabeth Gurley	" 209
John G. Gurley	" Francis E. Nichols	" 144
R. F. Gurley	" Mary L. King, Jan 25, 1866.	

"William G. Gurley father
William Gurley son
was tried for stealing a horse the Judge told the jury to bring in guilty but the Jury brought in not guilty Feb. term of court, 1897.
William Gurley lives at Pine Level and his father father lives also at Pine level, N. C.
at Johnston County, N. C.
Samuel Gurley witnesses a deed in Johnston Co., N. C., 1836."

(The A.E.G. notes which still exist indicate that he went from Southampton Co. Va. to Johnston County, N. C. A close study of the many Gurley records in the two counties will convince anyone that the first Gurley settlers of Johnston Co. N. C., were descended from and/or closely related to the George & Nicholas Gurley of the 1733 land grants in Southampton. As the primary purpose of these notes is to copy the borrowed A.E.G. records, no effort will be made to review this evidence here.)

Part 2.

William Gurley, one of the first Settlers of Johnston County, North Carolina.

The first record to be found of any Gurley in the Southern States is found on the Land records of Johnston County (at Smithfield) N. C. and this deed is given in full in this history, page to which reference may be had, to a deed of land by William Gurley, dated April 20, 1705, (this date was a copyist's error, as Johnston County named after Gov. Johnston and not formed until 1745, with first deed book opened in 1746. It threw A.E.G. off a full generation in his calculations.) AND WHICH HE HAD PREVIOUSLY obtained by a land grant from the State of North Carolina, and by the reading of this deed it may reasonably be presumed that this William Gurley had a son, John, and that this son, John, had a son William that married Mary _____ about 1746.

According to the date of the first William Gurley deeding land in 1705 there must have been in all probability one generation between the first and second William Gurley that married Mary _____ about 1746 whose family record is given here below, and her will also.

Where William Gurley the first came from or any knowledge of his former history or ancestry up to the present time has not been found. (The writer hereof thinks that he was the son of Nicholas, of Southampton) "Tradition" says he came from the north part of Ireland, which may or may not be true, but there is no proof to substantiate this statement. Tradition is sometimes right, but I more often find it wrong. It is true that there were Gurleys living in the north part of Ireland at that date, and years before, and also there were Gurleys in England in those days.

The first Gurley of which any record is known is Ingelram De Gurley, who accompanied "William the Lion" from Normandy, France, to Scotland, in the year 1174 of whose history is given in Volume I of this work, and from him and his ancestors all the Gurleys, Gourleys and Courlays of Scotland have descended.

William Gurley, of Johnston & Anson Counties, N.C. Married Mary _____ about 1746.

Children of William Gurley and Mary, his wife:

1. William, born Jan. 8, 1748. (He is probably the William Gurley who was apt'd. Capt. of 8th Reg. N.C. Line, by Gen Assembly of N.C. on 11-28-1776, and who is mentioned several times in N.C. Colonial records. His will, probably probated in Anson Co. N.C. in 1804, in W.E. 2, p. 47, mentions his wife Millindey and 8 children.)
2. Jacob, born Nov. 5, 1750, married Susan Wise.
3. Isom, born 1752, married Sally Smith. (An affidavit in his Rev. War Pension file, in Washington, says he was b. Jan. 13, 1759, in Johnston Co. N.C. & volunteered for 3 months service in Rev. - served 1 month & 3 days under Col. William Caswell, Capt. John Whitley & Capt. Matthew Colours guarding Wilmington, and was discharged; that in ~~1778-79~~ 1778-79 he again entered service as volunteer from Johnston Co. & served 4 months & 20 days under above mentioned Caswell, Whitley & Colours, was sent to Savannah River and Augusta, was in Battle of Savannah and several other engagements; discharged in Savannah; that after war lived in Johnston & Anson, N.C., Buncombe Co. N.C., Pendleton Dist. S.C., thence to Pickens Co. Ala. The writer erred in his

officers in his first enlistment. They were Col. Samuel Smith and Capt. Hardy Bryan. His app. for pension, filed April 17, 1832, was denied because he had lacked one week of having served the minimum of six months. While his correct name was Isham, it has been spelled Isam, Isom, Isam, Ishum, and Ishom in public records. Court house at Pickens Co. Ala. destroyed by fire with all records. U. S. census shows him there in 1830, but not in 1840. He died after 1732.

In Johnston Co., in 1789, he was administrator of estate of a Sarah Gurley who genealogists and county officials say was obviously his wife, Sally Smith. He had children born after 1789; so evidently married again, but name of wife not known.)

4. Rebeckah, born 1756, m. _____ Austin. (A family deed in Johnston D.B.I., p.62 from Wm. Gurley, to Alexander Pool, dated 1764, witnessed by a John Austin, who was probably Rebeckah's husband.)
5. Lydia, born 1757, m. _____ Pool. (The above deed indicates that she m. Alexander Pool.)
6. John, b. 1759, m. Elizabeth Edwards. (While there was an early Johnston Co. m. John Gurley who m. an Elizabeth Edwards, it is not this John. Mr. Justus R. Moll, of 1029 Vermont Ave., Washington 5, D.C. is descended from a John Gurley & Elizabeth Edwards; has Bible records of their children showing that Robert, first child, was born 3-6-1744 & d. 11-28-1760.)
7. Patty, (Martha) b. 1763. Died unmarried.

(Jacob, listed above, said to have been stronger, physically, than any other two men in Anson Co., N.C., where he died in 1820. His will there mentions 12 children.)

The above William Gurley was a Scotch Irish emigrant to America, and a descendant of an old Scotch family, long settled in the north of Ireland, and descended from Ingelram de Gurley of Scotland, who was from Normandy, France, A. D., 1175.

(If A.E.C. had thoroughly examined Johnston Co. records, he would have found a deed or deeds which showed that the above William Gurley was son of a William Sr., who was the William who had a wife, Anna. In the war of 1861-65, Federal troops captured Smithfield, N. C. and occupied the Court House, which caused some of the records to be lost. Subsequently, acc. to Rev. James P. Smith, a genealogist at Smithfield, who is thoroughly familiar with the history of that locality, fire inspectors caused a large batch of unbound papers to be removed and destroyed as a fire hazard. Consequently, the existing records do not reveal what happened to said Williams, Sr. & Jr)

The will of Mary Gurley.

(She was widow of above William Gurley (Jr) Will recorded in Johnston Co. W.B. 1, page 62, and original will preserved in State archives, at Raleigh.)

In the name of God, Amen, I Mary Gurley of the State and County aforesaid (Johnston Co., N.C.) being weak in body but sound in mind (Etc. etc)

(After leaving "one Shilling Sterling" to each of first named 7 children, William, Jacob, Isom, Rebeckah Austin, Lydia Pool, Mary Burwick and John Gurley, it gives balance of estate to her daughter, Patty Gurley, and makes her sole Executrix)

I ordain this my own last will and testament, revoking all other wills as witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of May, 1792, in presence of us, Needham Whitley, Patty (X) Gurley, Isom (X) Gurley, Mary Gurley, Seal.

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(Note that A.E.G., in listing children of William & Mary Gurley -pages 6, 7 & 8 hereof - did not list Mary Burwick who is mentioned in Mary's will, as her daughter)

Copies of deeds, etc., taken from Land Records of Johnston Co. N.C. Book S. No 1. p/352, 3-4

This Indenture made the second day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, between Arthur Gurley of the State of N. C. and County of Johnston of the one part and William Worley of the State and County aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Arthur Gurley for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and thirty pounds current money of the State of N.C. (Arthur Gurley conveys to William Worley) a certain plantation, tract or parcel of land situated and being in Johnston Co. aforesaid on the north side of Neuse River and on the north side of Mocosin Swamp (description by metes and bounds) containing by estimate one hundred and twenty five acres of land, be the same more or less, being the upper part of two hundred acres of land granted to William Gurley under the seal of his Excellency, Gabriel Johnston, Governor, bearing date the 20th. day of April, A. D., 1705 (Here's the copyist's error. It should have been not earlier than 1745) AND TRANSFERRED BY DEED from William Gurley to John Gurley and descended by heirship from John Gurley to Frederick Gurley and transferred by deed from Frederick Gurley to Nathan Gurley, and descended by heirship from Nathan Gurley to Arthur Gurley and transferred by deed from Arthur Gurley to said William Worley.

Also one other certain tract or parcel of land situated in Johnston Co. (near Mocosin Swamp, and described by metes and bounds) containing thirty seven acres of land be the same more or less, being the upper part of a patent for forty nine acres of land granted to Arthur Gurley under the seal of his Excellency, Alexander Martin, Esq., Governor, bearing date the 16th. day of Nov., A. D., 1790.

To have and to hold (etc. etc.)

(Signed) Arthur Gurley, Seal.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of B. Stevens and Charles Ward.

Johnston County, February Term, 1793.

Then was the execution of this deed duly proved by the oath of Benjamin Stevens and
R. Sanders, Clerk.

The above deed refers back to William Gurley the first, April 20, 1705, and is the earliest date of any Gurley in any of the Southern States, and is given in full for reference

Book S. No. I., Pages 231-2-3- (Johnston County, N. C.)

Granted to William Gurley by patent bearing date the 9th of July, 1776, and another.

To all to whom these presents shall come greeting know ye that I, William Gurley, of Anson Co. in the State of N. C. for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty Pounds, Specie, to me in hand paid by James Lynch, (conveys to James Lynch 2 tracts of land on north side of Neuse River and north side of Mocosin Swamp, the 1st tract being 150 acres bordering on Pool's line (his son-in-law)) Granted to William Gurley by Patent bearing date the 9th day of July, 1776.

And another Tract or parcel of land containing Five Hundred and Fiddy acres be the same more or less lying and being in our county of Johnston on the town side of Mocosin Swamp. (Description by metes and bounds) a whole patent granted to William Gurley bearing date the third day of April, 1760.

Together with all the privileges (etc. Etc.) I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of March, 1765 (1785 was correct date)

(Signed) William Gurley

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of us, Needham Whitley and James Holt.

(Deed proved in Aug. 1792 Term of Court on oath of Needham Whitley & ordered registered)

(The writer cannot subscribe to A.E.G.'s statement (page 6 hereof) that William Gurley (jr.) who had wife, Mary, was a "Scotch Irish Emigrant to America". He was the son of the William Gurley Sr. and his wife, Anna, of the misdated 1705 (1745) land grant. The John Gurley, to whom he transferred a part of said grant, was a close relative whom this writer has not identified. Said William Sr., was probably son of Nicholas of the Southampton 1733 land grant who, in his 1768 Southampton will, mentioned a son, John, who was probably the John Gurley whose will was proved in Johnston Co., N.C., in 1795. The will of the first John proved in Johnston in 1760.

Frederick & Nathan Gurley, mentioned in Arthur Gurley's deed, were sons of the first John Gurley, and said Arthur was oldest son of Nathan.)

Book T. No. I., Pages 45-6-7 (Johnston Co. N. C.)

"John Gurley Jr. buys a parcel of land for ten pounds for every hundred acres of Alexander Martin.
Dated 16th. Nov. 1790"

(Signed) Alexander Martin (Seal)

(John Gurley of the 1760 will did not mention a son, John, and while the John of the 1795 will is said to have had a son, John, this son died in infancy.)

Book W. No. I., Pages 345-6 (Johnston Co., N. C.)

Jacob Gurley, of Anson Co., N.C., sells to William Davis of Johnston Co. a parcel of land for ten pounds under date of Nov. 6, 1795, and approved by the Court Nov. Term 1797.

Jacob (X) Gurley (Seal)

Jacob Gurley, of Anson County, N. C., married Susan Wise.

Mr. Jacob Gurley died _____ 1820, aged 70 years.

Mrs. Susan Gurley died _____ ?

Children of Jacob Gurley and Susan Wise, his wife.

- Zilpha born June 6, 1774
- John " Mar. 8, 1776 - m. Elizabeth Edwards (A.E.G. mistaken here un-
2 Johns m. an Eliz/ Edwards, for one such
Eliz. Ed., m. John of the 1795 will.)
- Jesse, " Sept. 8, 1778 - m. ~~Sarah~~ Celia Williams.
- William, " Oct. 9, 1781.
- Jacob, " Oct. 17, 1783.
- Unity, " May 18, 1785.
- Benjamin, " May 3, 1788.
- Woodson, " March 27, 1791 - m. Mrs. Sarah Henison.
- James, " Jan. 15, 1794
- David, " 1796
- Daniel, " May 27, 1798.
- Josiah, "

Isom Gurley, of Johnston & Anson Counties, N. C., married Sally Smith.

Mr. Isom Gurley died _____ (d. in Pickens Co., Ala., after 10-29-1836, when he filed an amended affidavit on app. for a Rev. War pension)

Mrs. Sally Gurley died _____ (Believed to have been the Sarah Gurley who d. in Johnston Co. in 1789. See page 6. If so, Isom ((Isam)) re-married somewhere on his extensive wanderings.)

Children of Isom Gurley and Sally Smith, his wife.

- William Born _____
- Jacob, " _____
- John, " Dec. 25, 1783 - m. Jane Tarrant. (Lived at Gadistown, Ga.)
(Jane was dau. Capt. Manlove Tarrant, of Rev. Army.)

(Children of Isham Gurley, Sr., continued.)

Willis, born _____
 James, " _____
 Isom (Isham) " _____

(On 3-15-1855, from Tishomingo Co., Miss., to which he had moved after 1840 from Pickens, Co. Ala., he applied for Bounty Lands for service in War 1812, with an aff. that he was 58 years old; that during 1813, he volunteered at Waynesville, Haywood Co., N.C. but not actually mustered into service until 1-1-1815. Records of 3rd. Auditor's Office show that "Isham Gurley served as private under command of Capt. James M. Clure from 2-15-1815 to 3-13-1815" when discharged, as war ended. Bounty lands were granted. He was in Oconee Co., S.C. by 1816. The 1820 U.S. Census for said Co. lists both Isham Gurley Sr. & Jr. - the 1830 census lists both in Pickens Co. Ala., as Isham Gurley Sr. & Jr., and Isham again in 1840. His Bible, owned in 1940, by Wm. Henry Gurley, a Gr. Gr. Son of Isham Jr., parts of entry pages of which had crumbled away showed that his wife, thought to have been Sarah Gady or Gaddy, was b. 1-17-1798 & that Sarah Gurley, his wife, d. ~~2-15-1851~~ on 12-15-1851; that on 2-16-1854, Isham m. 2nd. Harriet Qu (Bal. of name crumbled away); that Isham d. 7-8-1861. The 1810 US census shows Isham Sr. in Haywood Co. N.C. with about 8 children and his nearest neighbor was a Jonathon Gabby. Court H. of Pickens Co. Ala. burned with all records, but a land book, copied from Gov. Land records shows that in 1836 a Jeremiah Gady entered land adjacent to Isham Jr., and as Isham Jr. named a son, Jeremiah G. Gurley - as oldtimers think that Isham Jr.'s 1st wife was a Gady or Gaddy, above facts would appear to confirm same. The Gabby of Haywood Co. N.C. was prob. misspelled & Sarah was prob. Isham Jr.'s childhood girl. Jr.'s Bible lists 9 children: (1) Nancy Caroline b. on 2-15-1818 (2) Polly Eliza, b. 11-15-1820 (3) Sedita J., b. 4-18-1824 (4) Jeremiah G., b. 1-5-1826 & for his descendants, see Vol. 48, p. 365, Va. Mag. (5) Sary Ann, b. 2-11-1828 (6) William Henry, b. 10-13-1830, (7) John Smith, b. 3-14-1833 (8) Joseph Martin, b. on 10-28-1838 and (9) By 2nd wife, Isham Warren, b. on 8-16-1857.)

Lewis, Born _____
 Henry, " _____
 Rebeckah " _____
 Lydia, " _____

Note: (By A.E.G.) The above record is as was given me by Henry Burch Gurley, grandson of the above Isom Gurley, when I visited him at his home in Caddistown, Ga. in 1898

(Below above line, opposite numbers from 48 to 53, both inclusive, A.E.G. listed)
 Daniel, Needham, Unity, William, Susannah & Benjamin (Each born on _____)

Union County, N. C. Land Records, Book 2, Page 176.

Report of the estate of Josiah Gurley, Deceased.

State of N. C., Union County, July Term, 1849.

Between and among Jesse Gurley, David Gurley, Daniel Gurley, Needham Gurley, Stephen Whitney and wife, Unity, William Gurley, William Seglan and wife, Susannah and Benjamin Gurley, Deceased. His heirs at law and next of kin of Josiah Gurley, Deceased, whereupon the property of the said Josiah Gurley's property is divided among the above named heirs.

No. 22.

John Gurley, of Anson Co., N.C. and Union Co., Ga. married Jane Tarrant.

Mrs. Jane Gurley died _____ 1830.

Mr. John Gurley died _____ 1862.

Children of John Gurley and Jane Tarrant, his wife.

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|--------------------------|--|
| 54. Henry Burch | b. Mar. 21, 1819, - m. Rebekah Mills. |
| 55. James Tarrant, | b. Mar. 10, 1821, - m. 1st. Polly Ann Barton. |
| 56. Rachel, | b. - m. Thomas Holcomb. |
| 57. Louise, | b. - m. Washington Holcomb. |
| 58. Mary, | b. - m. Jeremiah Twiggs. |
| 59. Martha, | b. - m. Louise B. Beard (Yes, it says Louise.) |

Mr. John Gurley, in the year 1823, removed from Anson County, N. C., to Union County, Ga., where he lived the remainder of his life.

No. 26.

Lewis Gurley, of Johnston Co., N.C., married.

Mr. Lewis Gurley died

Mrs. _____ Gurley died

60. Lewis born _____ m. Gracie Wiggs.

61. Jeremiah, " _____ m. Cloe Massey.

Mr. Lewis Gurley resided about six miles northerly of Goldsboro, Johnston Co., N. C. and the place is known as one of the old Gurley homesteads, he was a farmer and planter like his ancestors before him, the place is now (1898) owned and occupied by his grandson, Lewis Dixon Gurley.

Inventory of the estate of Mary Gurley, Dec'd., Johnston Co. N.C. Book of Wills, p. 156.

(This should have been included after her will on page 7 hereof)

Viz.

1 cow and calf, 1 feather bed, bedstead and furniture, 1 chest, 1 trunk, 1 table, 1 woman's saddle, 2 chairs, 2 spinning wheels, 1 loom and 6 pewters, 3 chairs, 2 baskets, 1 Bible, 1 pr. shoes, 1 candle stick, 1 Ban Iron, 1 iron pot, 1 skillet, 1 pr. fire tongs, Clothing, 1 looking glass, forks and knives, 2 quart bottles, 1 tickler, 1 tin funnel.

Martha Gurley (Called Patty)

Note: The above is without date, but according to the records before it and after it, it must have been in the year, 1793.

Johnston Co. N.C. Deed Book I (Eyo) (or is it J?) p. 314-15.

(A deed of gift on 8-1-1779, by John Gurley and his wife, Elizabeth, to their "beloved son, Edwards Gurley" of 100 acres "including the plantation whereon the said Edwards Gurley now dwells", situated on north side of Mouse River and the North side of "Kaukeson Swamp" the same "being part of a patent Granted to John Gurley the fifteenth day of November, 1762."

Witnesses:

Phitt Rayford
Arthur Pearce

(Signed by) John Gurley (Seal)

Elizabeth her
X Gurley
mark)

(Deed acknowledged in open Court in Aug. Term of 1779 by John Gurley and ordered registered. "Registered in Register's office of said County in Book One p. 313-14)

Book W. No. I, pages 346-7 (Johnston Co. N.C.)

Joel Gurley, of Wayne Co. N.C. sells to Davis Gurley, of Johnston Co., N.C., a parcel of land, and this is a part of the land of the Patent of William Gurley of 1778. Amount of land sold in this deed is one hundred acres. Price Fifty pounds.

(No witnesses listed)

(Signed) Joel Gurley (Seal)

The above deed is dated Nov. 22, 1797.

Book T. No. I, pages 146-9 (Johnston Co.)

Lewis Gurley, of Wayne County, N.C. sells to Zacheriah Price of Johnston Co., N.C. a parcel of land for 50 pounds.

(No witnesses listed)

(Signed) Lewis Gurley (Seal)

The above deed is dated Aug. 5, 1793, and approved by the Court, Nov. Term, 1793.

Book V. No. I, Pages 110-111 (Johnston Co. N.C.)

Lazarus Gurley, of Johnston Co. N.C., sells to Arthur Gurley of said county a parcel of land for 30 pounds.

(No witnesses listed)

(Signed) Lazarus Gurley (Seal)

The above deed is dated 6th. day of Dec., 1785, & approved by Ct. Nov. Term, 1795

Book Z., No. I., Pages 114-115 (Johnston Co., N.C.)

Joseph Gurley, of Chesterfield Co., S. C., and Charles Gurley of Johnston Co. N.C., of the other part.

Witness that the said Joseph Gurley & Charles Gurley sells to James Holt for the sum of \$5 pounds a parcel of land in Johnston Co. N.C., 182 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

Dated Dec. 15, 1798.

(No witnesses listed)

(Signed) Joseph Gurley (Seal)

(Signed) Charles Gurley (Seal)

Book Z. No. 1., Pages 115-16 (Johnston Co., N.C.)

Charles Gurley of Johnston Co., N.C., sells to James Holt of said county a parcel of land for Ninety pounds specie, said parcel or tract of land contains 132- $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, and was patented by Nicholas Gurley on the lower side of Mockasin Swamp between Joseph Gurley & Charles Gurley said to be in Pollen line.

This deed is dated Oct. 17, 1300.

(Signed) Charles Gurley (Seal)

(No witnesses listed.)

(The above Nicholas was undoubtedly the son of Nicholas of Southampton (See p. 1) who had followed kinsmen to Johnston Co. He appears a few times in Johnston Co. records, but evidently again moved to other parts.)

Book Z. No. 1., Pages 117-18 (Johnston Co., N.C.)

Ralph Massey of Johnston Co., N.C., sells to Charles Gurley all the land lying in Johnston County between Mockasin Swamp and the Beaver Dam Swamp estimated to be 75 acres, and belonging to him.

This deed is dated March 18, 1797.

His

Ralph (X) Massey
Mark.

Witness:

Henry Davis (and) Thos. Edwards.

Book A. No. 2, Pages 90-91, (Johnston Co., N.C.)

James Gurley, of Montgomery Co., N. C., sells to Arthur Gurley, of Johnston Co., N. C., a parcel of land containing 200 acres for One Hundred Pounds.

Witness:

John Phillips (and) Lewis Gurley

This deed is dated Dec. 16, 1786.

(Signed) James Gurley (Seal)

Book A., No. 2., Page 92 (Johnston Co., N. C.)

Robert Gurley, of Johnston Co., N. C. sells to Arthur Gurley a parcel of land for 5 pounds.

His

(No witnesses listed)

Robert (X) Gurley
Mark

Book G. No. 2, Pages 287-8 (Johnston Co., N. C.)

Charles Gurley & Robert Gurley of Johnston Co., N. C., Witness that the Charles Gurley for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred & Fifty pounds paid by said Robert Gurley, amount of land 100 acres, more or less. This deed dated Dec. 20, 1811.

(No witnesses listed)

(Signed) Charles Gurley (Seal)

Book G. No. 2, Page 37 (Johnston Co., N. C.)

Arthur Gurley sells to Thomas Stilwell one negro girl named Sarah for 150 pounds. Dated this 20th. day of Feb., 1804.

(No witnesses listed.)

(Signed) Arthur Gurley (Seal)

Book G. No. 2. Pages 308 & 309.

(Johnston Co. N. C.)

Transcript:

Lazarus Gurley of Johnston Co. N. C. & Lewis Gurley, Esq., of Wayne Co. N. C. Lazarus Gurley sells to Lewis Gurley, Esquire, Two certain tracts or parcels of land. one piece commences on Mocasaw Swamp by land of John Gurley - Consideration of the sum of Ninety one pounds, one Shilling and two pence, Specie. This deed is dated Jan 17, 1785.

Witness:

A. Pearce, Jeremiah Gurley (and) James Holt.

(Signed) Lazarus Gurley (Seal)

"Book Transcript Pages 339, 40 &" (Presumably means from above Book G. No. 2)

Lewis Gurley of Johnston Co. N. C. sells to Levin Vinson, Three Plantations or tracts of land adjoining John Gurley's land for the sum of One Hundred & Seventy five pounds. This deed is dated Oct. 10, A. D., 1789.

Witness:

Edwards Gurley (and) Archibald Murphie.

(Signed) Lewis Gurley (Seal)

Transcript Page 63.

Ann Gurley of Johnston Co. N. C. sells to Joseph Boon, a certain parcel of land. This deed is dated Nov. 18, 1782.

Witness:

Joseph Boon Jun. (and) Arthur Gurley

Her
Ann (X) Gurley
Mark

Transcript Page 245

Anne Gurley of Johnston Co. N. C. sells to Jesse Hays a parcel of land. This deed is dated March 21, 1786.

Witness:

John Hays (and) Arthur Gurley

Her
Anne (X) Gurley
Mark

(As spelling was loose in these days and the seller in the above two deeds apparently could not write, the said Ann & Anne were probably the same person and was probably Ann, the widow of Nicholas Gurley of Southampton, who had followed her sons William and Nicholas to Johnston Co. It must be remembered, however, that William of the 1705 (1745) land grant, had a wife named Anna.)

Book H. Page 43.

Charles Gurley buys land of Richard Brasswell. This deed is dated Dec. 20, 1811.
(No signature or witness listed.)

Book H. No. 2, Page 66 (Johnston Co. N. C.)

"To all people to whom these presents shall come, I, James Harmon & Sally my wife, of the county of Johnston send greeting. Know ye that I the said James Harmon & Sally Harmon my wife for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I have and bear unto my beloved son, Hugh Swinton Gurley of Johnston Co. and for other divers and other good

Causes and considerations (goes on to convey) "One feather bed and bedstead and furniture, one young cow, one sow and pigs, and all my wife's clothes suitable to cut up and make over, for the said Hugh Swinton Gurley."
Witnessed by Etheldred Holt & Zachariah Price
Deed is dated Nov. 20, 1811.)

(Signed) James Harmon (Seal)
Sachman (seal)

(Foregoing deed in A.R.G.'s. handwriting. Although James Harmon refers to Hugh Swinton Gurley as "my beloved son", he must have meant step-son. And note that his wife, Sally, signs deed with the one word "Saahmon.")

Book I. No. 2, Page 160.

William Bulls of Johnston Co. N.C. sells to Jonathon Gurley of Said Co. a parcel of land. This Deed is dated June 28, 1811. (No witness listed) (Signed) Wm. Bulls (Seal.)

Book I. No. 2, Page 262.

Charles Gurley of Johnston Co. N.C. sells to Aaron Smith a parcel of land. This deed is dated April 4, 1817.

(No witness listed)

His
Charles (X) Gurley
Mark

Book I. No. 2, Page 2.

Davis Gurley of Maury Co. Tenn., sells to John Rose of Johnston Co. N.C. a parcel of land, and is a part of William Gurley's land by patent, 1778. The above deed is dated 1-10-1817

(No witness listed)

(Signed) Davis Gurley (Seal)

Book O, No. 2, Page 306 (Johnston Co. N.C.)

Robert Gurley and wife, Nancy C. Gurley, of Wayne County, N. C. sells a parcel of land to Edmond Godwin, of Johnston Co. N. C. The above deed is dated March 30, 1826.

(No witness listed)

(Signed) Robert Gurley (and) Nancy C. Gurley (Seals)

The above Robert Gurley is the one that married Nancy C. Green Sept. 25, 1816, as his 1st wife and is father of John Green Gurley.

There is also the following Record of Deeds, etc., on different books and pages:

Jonathon Gurley, of Johnston Co. N.C. gives a mortgage to John ^{8.} Powell. "Deed dated July 2, 1833."

Jonathon Gurley and John S. Powell ~~the~~ turns out cattle, etc. to secure a debt. "Deed dated Nov. 11, 1835.

Jonathon Gurley of Johnston CO. N.C. sells to Solomon Watson a parcel of land. Deed dated Dec. 6, 1834.

Davre Gurley of Johnston Co. N.C. buys a parcel of land of Jesse Peacock. Deed dated July 8, 1853.

John G. Gurley of Johnston Co. N.C. buys a parcel of land of S. R. Morgan and his wife, Martha A. Morgan, Deed dated Oct. 23, 1875; also a building lot in Smithfield, N.C. No. 33, of J. L. Holland and his wife Emma C. Holland. This deed is dated Aug. 10, 1876

also

Another piece of property in Smithfield, N.C., of D. W. Fuller and his wife, Carrie Fuller. This deed is dated Nov. 25, 1878/

also

Another piece of property of John Pool and his wife, Deborah Pool. This deed is dated Dec. 2, 1870

Transcript Book 3, Pages 210-211 (Johnston Co. N.C.)

Ann or Anne Gurley of Johnston Co. N.C. sells land to Joseph Booy. Deed dated 10-10-1786

Witness

Ann Gurley (By her x)

Nicholas Thompson (and) Arthur Gurley

(Foregoing deed is another indication that this Ann or Anne Gurley was widow of Nicholas of Southampton and, if so, was very old. Nicholas Thompson was probably a grandson.)

(No deed book listed)

William C. Gurley of Johnston CO. N.C. buys a parcel of land of Ray Phillips and his wife, Nancy Phillips. This deed is dated Oct. 29, 1875. (No signature or witnesses shown)

Book G. No. 3, Page 6

N. H. Gurley, Calvin Gurley, Georgeanna Gurley, Mary Gurley, and Amanda M. Moll and J. B. Moll, sell a parcel of land to R. D. Phillips of Johnston CO. N.C.
(Signed with Seals) N. H. Gurley, C. L. Gurley, G. A. Gurley, Mary Gurley, A.M. Moll, J. B. Moll (all apparently) "By N. H. Gurley"
The above deed is dated Apr. 5, 1872.

Witness:

W. G. Woodward (by his x) and (signed) W. D. Phillips.

The Gurleys are all of Wayne Co. N. C. and Amanda M. Moll and J. B. Moll are from Ramsey County, Minn.

Book J. No. 3, Page 202.

J. D. Gurley of Johnston CO. N.C. buys land of J. B. Smith & Harley Smith. This deed is dated Jan. 16, 1875. (No signature or witness listed.)

S.

(Here, A.M.G. again records mortgage of Jonathon Gurley to John S. Powell, J.G.'s deed to Solomon Watson & Jonathon Gurley & John S. Powell turning out cattle to secure a debt, all as previously recorded on page 14 hereof.)

The Hugh Swinton Gurley spoken of here in these records is probably the Swinton Gurley that was a Baptist preacher and preached at the place now called Princeton.

I have given here all the Deeds and parts of Deeds which I thought was of importance found on the Johnston Co. Land Records (at Smithfield, N.C.)

The first Deed given here is given in full (The writer condensed it) and is a very important Deed, going back to April 20, 1705, (He is referring to the Wm. Gurley grant of abt. 1745, miscopied as 1705) and is the earliest deed on record that I have been able to find of any of this Southern branch of the Gurleys, although Nicholas Gurley and George must have settled in Southampton county, Va. on or about the same time. Tradition says that they were three brothers-- but this writer desires to let every one form their own opinion. Some say their early ancestors came to this country from Scotland, some say their early ancestors came from Ireland or England but as to this there is no proof where they came from

Johnston County, N. C. Marriages.

Frederick	Gurley	to	Patinee Finer	Feb. 24, 1801.
Jonathon	"	"	"Rene Bailey (Should be Rene Bulls) Nov. 23, 1805."	
			(Bulls and not Bailey written as above by A.M.G.)	
Robert	"	to	Nancy Green	Sep. 25, 1816.
Willis	"	to	Lydia Gurley	Feb. 26, 1833.
Henry Gurley	"	to	Polly Jones,	Oct. 27, 1835.
Joseph Gurley	"	to	Elizabeth Thomas	Oct. 27, 1835.

(Johnston CO. N. C. Marriages, Continued.)

Daniel	Gurley	to	Altara Jordan	Aug. 21, 1837.
Daniel	"	to	Edith Phillips	Feb. 10, 1838.
Monroe	"	to	Harriet Lynch	Jan. 6, 1840.
Raiford	"	to	Cherry Howell	Apr. 2, 1841.

Susannah	"	to	Nathaniel Hood	Nov. 13, 1782.
Elizabeth	"	to	Jeremiah Strickland	Apr. 1, 1783.
Keziah	"	to	Henry Sharp	May 26, 1801.

(John Gurley, of the 1760 will, had a wife named Keziah)

Betsy	Gurley	to	John Hoet	Feb. 27, 1805.
Elizabeth	Gurley	to	Maurice Gurley	Oct. 26, 1812.
Nancy	"	to	Benjamin Hadley	Jul. 18, 1814.
Elizabeth	"	to	Peola Barber	Oct. 26, 1843.
Mary Jane	"	to	Duncan McPherson	Dec. 26, 1846.
Mary H.	"	to	Henry S. Green	May 25, 1847.
John G. Gurley	"	to	Frances R E. Nichols	Jul/ 21, 1853.
R. F.	"	to	Mary L. King	Jan. 25, 1866.

William, son of Henry & Mary Gurley,	m.	10-15-1867,	Cornelia, dau. Berry & Smithy Price.
Joel Gurley	m.	12--4-1870,	Mary Davis.
Dalis, son of John & Absiley Gurley,	m.	3--3-1882,	Ebby, dau. of Rufus & Mary Woodward.
N. R., son Raiford & Cherry Gurley,	m.	3--8-1884,	Charity D., dau. Haywood & Mary Raines.
H. E., son of John & Absiley "	m.	1-22-1890,	Mary A., dau. Levi & Annie Radford.
R.F.M., son of Raiford & Cherry "	m.	8--3-1890,	Sarah M., dau. William & Sarah Radford.
Charles L., son of C.L. & Ellen "	m.	10-14-1891,	Hattie, dau. of Wm. & Zilpha Massey.
James L., son of W.C. & C.I. Gurley,	m.	12--6-1891,	Alice, dau. of Wm. J. & Edith Spencer.
A.H., son of Willey & Sallie Gurley,	m.	4-11-1894,	Amanda Toler.
John T., son of John & Absiley "	m.	4-11-1894,	Delany, dau. of Benjamin & Carris Brady.

"Absiley (Wiggs) Gurley, wife of John Gurley, is spelled on the records Apsolia, Apcilla and Abseley."

"Son of Lewis Gurley

Daniel Gurley, of Goldsboro, Wayne Co., N.C., was twice married, 1st to Edith Phillips Mrs. Edith Gurley died 2nd. marriage to Chelly Sasser. Mrs. Chelly d. 11-28-1880. Children of Daniel Gurley and Edith ~~Phillips~~ Philips, his first wife:

Nestes Hannible	born	
John	"	d. young
Puss	"	d. young
Amanda Melvina	"	m. J. B. Moll.

(Justus R. Moll, of 1029 Belmont Ave., N.W. Washington 6, D.C. is a descendant, and has full information on this branch of the family.)

Georgia Anna,	born	m. Haywood Lynch.
Calvin Suther,	"	11-1-1849 xxxx
Mary Virginia,	"	m. Walter Scott Mc.Caskell.
Lewis Dixon,	"	d. young.

No children by 2nd. marriage."

Land Records of Anson County, North Carolina.

Book D. E., Page 12.

12) Jacob Gurley's Grant, State of North Carolina, No. 1098.

(A grant of 50 acres on Nov. 17, 1792, for 5 pounds, described by metes and bounds, and bordering on Richardson's Creek,) "By his Excel^y. COMD
G. Lasgow, Secretary"

"Alx Martin

Book F. G., Page 134

Jacob Gurley's Grant, State of N. C., No. 1365.

(A deed of grant from State of N.C. of 100 acres for 50 Shillings, located on "the Little Water Branch", and dated March 9, 1799.)

Same Book, Page 135, William Gurley's Grant, State of N.C., No. 1441.

(A deed from State of N.C. by land grant to William Gurley, on March 9, 1799, of 250 acres at 50 Shillings per 100 acres. Also on same book and page, & on same day, a similar grant of 250 acres, at same price, to William Gurley, being No. 1447.)

(This was William Gurley III., son of Wm. & Mary Gurley, b. 1-8-1748. See page 5 hereof)

Book F. G., Page 219.

Willis Gurley's Land Grant, State of N. C., No. 1578.

(A grant to Willis Gurley, on 12-24-1799, of 150 acres, at 30 Shillings per 100 acres)

Jacob Gurley's Land Grant, State of N.C., No. 1997, Book 1809 to 1813, Page 127.

(A deed from State of N.C., on 4-18-1800, for 120 acres, at 50 Shillings per 100 acres)

Land Grants to William Gurley, Book H., Page 457.

(1st., a grant of 200 acres by State of N.C. to William Gurley, at 50 Shillings per 100 acres, on 1-23-1799, and a 2nd. Grant, at same price, on 1-14-1799, of 300 acres to William Gurley, land located on Rock River.)

Land Grant by State of N.C. to Willis Gurley, Same Book, Page 458.

(A Grant by N.C., on 11-23-1801, of 200 acres in Anson Co., to Willis Gurley, at 50 Shillings per 100 acres.)

Book D. E., Page 270.

(A deed. Thomas Clark sells to William Gurley, of Anson Co., 30 acres for 12 Lbs. on May 24, 1788.)

Book D. E., Page 272.

(Middleton Pool, a planter of Montgomery Co., N.C. sells to William Gurley, a planter of Anson Co., N.C. a parcel of land for 50 pounds, on Aug. 6, 1787. Witnessed by James Gurley and Willis Gurley.)

Daniel Gurley's Grant, State of N.C., No. 2663, Book H. Page 277.

(A grant by N.C., on 5-27-1822, of 100 acres, in Anson Co. to Daniel Gurley for \$10.00)

Book 2, Page 484.

This is a deed where Gideon Green, of Montgomery Co., N.C. sells a parcel of land to Jacob Gurley, of Anson Co., N.C. This deed is dated Sept. 12, 1787.

Witness:

Robin Williams (and) James Gurley

His
Gideon (X) Green (Seal)
Mark

Book H., Page 452.

This is a deed where William Gurley sells to Willis Gurley, both of Anson Co., N.C. a tract of land. This deed is dated Oct. 15, 1799.

Witness:

(Signed) William Gurley (Seal)

Drury Austin (and) John Gurley, (The latter by his X.)

(Willis was William's son, and Drury Austin was his son-in-law)

Book H., Page 453.

This is a deed where Drury Austin sells to Willis Gurley, both of Anson Co., N.C., a tract of land. This deed is dated Oct. 15, 1799.

Witness:

(Signed) Drury Austin (Seal)

Wm. Gurley (and) John Gurley (The latter by his X)

Book 2, Page 14.

This is a Deed where Middleton Pool, of Anson Co., N.C., sells to William Gurley, a certain plantation and tract of land in Anson Co., N.C. for 110 pounds, Specie money. This deed is dated Feb. 28, 1782. (No signature or witness listed.)

Book 2, Page 483.

This is a Deed where Thomas Clark, of Anson Co., N.C. sells to Jacob Gurley a parcel of land lying both sides of Richardson's Creek for the sum of 10 pounds, current money. This deed is dated May 24, 1788. This deed is witnessed by William Gurley. (No signature)

Book L. & M., Page 195.

This is a Deed where Jacob Gurley sells to Isaac Williams, both of Anson Co., N.C., a parcel of land, 100 acres for Fifty pounds, This deed is dated March 4, 1805.

Witness:

Willis Gurley (and) Rich. Williams (Latter by his X)

His
Jacob (X) Gurley
Mark

Book H., Page 69.

This is a Deed where Benjamin Thomas sells to Jackson Gurley, both of Anson Co., N.C., a parcel or tract of land adjoining Willis Gurley's. This deed is dated Aug. 29, 1829.

Witness:

Willis Gurley

Book P. to Q., Pages 26-2-3

This is a Division of William Gurley's land Dec'd. Between the widow and the heirs of the Dec'd., 1st. laying off the widow's dower which is bounded and described by plan drawn by Willis Gurley. Also the following divisions are made (Divisions Nos. 1 to 7 allotted to Henry Gurley, Willis Gurley, John Lanhorn, William Gurley, Drury Austin, 2 pieces, 140 acres,

(Settlement of estate of William Gurley, Continued.)

Benjamin Thomas, 130 acres; James Gurley, 125 acres.

The above division dates July, 1815, in open court and ordered to be registered.

From the plans which I have drawn from the records, I should think this plantation must have contained nearly fifteen hundred acres, or more, of land. A.E.G.

Book 1822 to 1824, Page 131.

This is a deed where Jacob Gurley of Johnston Co. N.C. gives to his son, Josiah Gurley, a certain piece or parcel of land in Anson Co. N.C. This deed dated June 15, 1820

Witness: Richard Austin (and) Benjamin Gurley
His Jacob (X) Gurley (Seal)
Mark

Same Book as above, Page 156

This is a Deed where Jacob Gurley sells a piece of land to James Austin. This Deed is dated Feb. 24, 1814.

Witness: Welch Austin (and) Benjamin Gurley
His Jacob (X) Gurley
Mark

Book Y, Page 447

Jesse & William Gurley to David Gurley. This indenture made this 12th. day of December, 1826, between Jesse Gurley & William Gurley, Executors of Jacob Gurley, Deceased, of the Co. of Anson & State of N.C. and David Gurley of the same county.

This is a Deed where David Gurley buys a piece of land off the estate of Jacob Gurley, Dec'd, under above date.

(Signed) Jesse Gurley (Seal)
His William (X) Gurley (Seal)
Mark
Witness: William Cuth Gurley (and) B. A. Austin

Wills, Deeds & Marriages of Union Co., once a part of Anson Co. N.C.

"Last Will and testament of Ezekiel Gurley, State of N.C., Union county.

I, Ezekiel Gurley of the county and state above written, being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say:

First - That my Executors hereafter named (shall pay all debts, etc.)

Estate - Ite, 1st/ I give and devise to my beloved wife fifty acres of land, the place on which I now live (and considerable personal property) to have and to hold during her natural life.

Item 2nd. I give and devise, that at the decease of my wife that all the property that remains is to go to Milton D. Gurley;

And lastly, I do hereby constitute my trusty friends, J. R. Henderson, J. R. Warwick and Catherine Gurley my lawful Executors of this my last will and testament.

In Witness whereof I, the said Ezekiel Gurley, do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 3rd. day of Nov., 1863.

Test. Ezekiel Gurley (Seal)

Witness: W. C. Ogburn (and) J. R. Hudson

(A.E.G. wrote on margin of page, in different ink "Milton D. Gurley was an adopted son of his parents - name was Fowler.")

"State of North Carolina --- Union County, March 13th., 1871

Then the foregoing paper writing was offered for Probate and the due execution was proven by the oaths of W. C. Ogburn and J. R. Hudson and ordered to be recorded as the last will and testament of Ezekiel Gurley, Dec'd.

G. W. Flow, Probate Judge.

(A.E.G. wrote here, within () "Milton D. Gurley was an adopted son of Ezekiel Gurley. He was formerly Milton D. Fowler."

Book 2, Page 176

(Union County, N. C.)

Report of the Estate of Josiah Gurley, Dec'd. State of N.C., Union Co., July Term, 1849.

Between and among Jesse Gurley, David Gurley, Daniel Gurley, Needham Gurley, Stephen Whitney & wife, Unity, William Gurley, William Seglan & wife, Susannah, & Benjamin Gurley, Dec'd his heirs at law and next of kin of Josiah Gurley, Dec'd., whereupon the property of the said Josiah Gurley's property is divided among the above named heirs.

Book 5, Page 632

(Union Co., N.C.)

Report of Mary Gurley Dower: Allotted to Mary Gurley, widow of David Gurley, Dec'd. in this division is sett off to the widow 56 acres of land including the Mansion House and other improvements. Dated Dec. 15, 1859.

Book 5, Page 523

(Union Co. N.C.)

This deed is a copy of a land grant to Isham Gurley, assignee of John Sharn for 200 acres of land in Anson County, N. C., entered 18th. April, 1776. This Deed is dated November 12, 1804.

Book 4, Page 214

(Union Co. N.C.)

This is a Deed where William Allen & Daniel Gurley, of Union CO. N.C., sell to Daniel Gurley of the same county a tract of land for \$98.00. This Deed is dated March 16, 1848.

(Signed with their seals by) Daniel ~~and William~~ Gurley
William Allen

Book 6, Page 591

(Union Co., N.C.)

This is a deed whereby Jacob Gurley and his wife, Elizabeth F. Gurley, deeds to Alfred H. Nance, $\frac{1}{2}$ of what is known as the Gurley Mill Site, for \$62.50, situated in Union county, N. C. Dated at Union CO. N. C., ~~Dec. 29, 1859~~ Dec. 1, 1868.

Book 10, Page 231

(Union Co., N. C.)

This is a Deed whereby James Gurley, John Gurley & Mily Gurley sells to Dicy Gurley 29 acres of land for \$859.00 Dated at Union Co., N. C., Dec. 29, 1859.

Book 10, Page 94.

(Union Co., N. C.)

This is a Deed whereby David Gurley of Union Co., N. C., sells to Jacob Gurley, of Anson Co., N. C., 35 acres of land for \$425.00 This Deed is dated Aug. 26, 1857.

Book 6, Page 533

(Union Co., N. C.)

This is a Deed where Ezekiel Gurley makes Oath to his appointment as a Commissioner of Union Co., N. C. Dated July 28, 1868.

Marriages (Union CO., N. C.)

Tilman Gurley	to	Elizur Gurley	Mar. 16, 1854.
John A. Nance	to	Elizabeth Gurley	Sep. 26, 1854.
David Gurley	to	Mary Shennon	Apr. 12, 1857.
Jacob Gurley	to	Elizabeth Deese	Nov. 25, 1858.
Enoch Williams	to	Mary Gurley	Aug. 11, 1859.
Dennis P. Sasser	to	Elizabeth A. Gurley	Nov. 10, 1861.
Abram Crook	to	Elizur Gurley	Dec. 26, 1861.
E. B. Thomas	to	Sarah Gurley	Mar. 29, 1862.
W. D. R. Gurley	to	Mary Little	Dec. 18, 1873.
G. W. Gurley	to	Hester E. Duse	May 19, 1876.
George W. Gurley	to	Sarah Ann Crook	Jun. 15, 1876.
John W. Mullis	to	Alsey J. Gurley	Sep. 10, 1876.
Jacob Gurley	to	Eliza F. High	Mar. 15, 1878.
N. R. Kelley	to	Winsey Gurley	Jan. 27, 1880.
J. K. Gurley	to	A. C. Fowler	Jan. 19, 1881.
J. K. Gurley was son of Ezekiel & Elizabeth Gurley			
C. L. Gurley	to	V. M. Secret	July 7, 1893

Census Report of Union County, N. C., 1880., New Salem Township.

Ezekiel Gurley, age 57.	Elizabeth Gurley, age 50.
Martley Gurley, age 20.	Jonah R. Gurley, " 18.
Jacob K. Gurley, age 17, m. A. C. Fowler, Jan. 19, 1881.	
Cely Gurley, age 15.	Nancy Gurley, " 12.
Martha J. Gurley, age 22.	Ellen Gurley, " 50.
Isham Gurley, age 21.	

Lanes Creek Township.

Atless Gurley, age 18.

Monroe Township.

Betsy Gurley, age 62. Martha Gurley, " 18.

Goose Creek Township.

W. D. R. Gurley, age 26.	Mary A. Gurley, " 29.
Ready G. Gurley, age 6.	R. G. Gurley, " 3.

Jesse B. Gurley, age $\frac{6}{12}$ (Six months.)

Johnston Co., N.C. Land Records, Book I, Pages 314-15

(This is a long and voluminous worded deed whereby John Gurley and his wife, Elizabeth on Aug. 1, 1779, "in consideration of the natural love and paternal affection we have and do bare to our beloved son, Edwards Gurley" convey as a deed of gift to Edwards Gurley "all that Masuge or parcel of land situated and lying and being in Johnston Co. and on the north side of Neuse River and on the north side of Maukesson Swamp, it being part of a patent granted to John Gurley the fifteenth day of November, 1762 * * * * containing one hundred acres, including the plantation whereon the said Edwards Gurley now dwells."

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of us
Phitt Rayford
Arthur Pearce.

(Signed) John Gurley (Seal)
Her
Elizabeth(X) Gurley (Seal)

"No 2." (of a typed page.)

George Gurley, (called Parsons Gurley) was the oldest son of George Gurley, the 1st., of Luke's Parish, Township of Courtland, Southampton Co. Va., m. Mary Willis, Aug. 11, 1749. Parsons Gurley died about May 1, 1804 (and) His widow, Mrs. Mary Gurley died _____

Children of Parsons Gurley and Mary Willis, his wife.

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| 7. Lucy, | born, Feb. 3, 1750, m. William Thomas. |
| 8. Joseph..... | " Oct. 12, 1751. m. Martha Peterson. |
| 9. Henry, | " Apr. 9, 1754. m. Priscilla Pitman. |
| 10. Samuel, | " Feb. 1, 1757. d. May 5, 1763. |
| 11. Celia, | " Sep. 11, 1759. m. Newitt Edwards. |
| 12. George, | " Feb. 19, 1762. XXXXXXXXXXXX & d. Dec. 16, 1763. |
| 13. Mary, | " Apr. 18, 1767. m. John Drake. (Writer got mixed up on copying |
| 14. Patty, | " May 5, 1769. m. John Whitbee. Didn't notice that there were |
| George, | " Aug. 16, 1764. m. Lucy Martin two Georges.) |
| 16. John, | " Oct. 18, 1771. m. Betsey (called Elizabeth) Gilliam |

The life and history of "Parsons George Gurley" has been given on the preceding page.
(Said page was not found among the A.E.G. papers loaned writer.)

The following marriage license of Rev. Joseph Gurley (son of Parson George Gurley) was taken from the original license certificate at Courtland, Southampton County, Va. by A. E. Gurley, and shows what people had to do to be legally married in this country when it was under the power and rule of Great Britain.

"Know all men by these presents, that we, Joseph Gurley and Richard Kello, of the County of Southampton, are held and firmly bound unto our Sovereign Lord, George the third, now King of Great Britain &c. in the sum of fifty pounds Sterling to be paid to our s'd. Lord ~~marrying~~ the King, his heirs and successors, to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and each of us our & each of our heirs, executors & administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seal & dated this 11th. day of May, 1772.

"The condition of this obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage suddenly intended to be solemnized between Joseph Gurley & Martha Peterson both of this county & now if there is no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force & virtue.

"Sealed and delivered in presence of Sam Kello." (Signed) Joseph Gurley " (Seal)
(") R. Kello " (Seal)

No. 17 (Pages 3 to 16, both inclusive, missing.)

Peterson Gurley, (son of Joseph Gurley) of Winton, Hertford Co. N.C., formerly of Edenton, Chowan County, in the same state, married Jane Montgomery.

Mr. Peterson Gurley died ----- 1828.

Mrs. Jane Gurley died

Children of Peterson Gurley and Jane Gurley, his wife.

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| 19. William Peterson, born, Dec. 25, 1824. m. 1st. Sarah E. Smallwood; 2nd. Agnes B. Simmons; 3rd. Annie E. Mc.Glaughen; 4th. Elizabeth J. Hines. |
| 20. Annie Elizabeth, " d. in infancy. |

No. 19 (But on same page with his No. 17. Writer doesn't understand A.E.G.'s No. system.)

William Peterson Gurley, (son of Peterson Gurley) of Windsor, Bertie Co. N.C. m. 4 times:
 1st. To Sarah Elizabeth Smallwood, Feb. 15, 1848, dau. of John & Mary (Lockhart) Smallwood.
 She died June 20, 1863, age 37 years.
 2nd. To Agnes B. Simmons, Jan. 6, 1865, dau. Z. B. and Keziah Simmons. d. 6-20-1866 age
 (as there were several Keziah Gurleys, Keziah Simmons probably his cousin.) / 36.
 3rd. To Annie Eliza, on Mar. 27, 1867, dau. of Frederick McLaughlin. She d. _____
 4th. To Elizabeth Jane Hines, Nov. 1, 1868, dau. of Benjamin & Elizabeth Hines.
 Mr. William P. Gurley died Sept. 8, 1887, aged 62 years.
 His widow, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Gurley, was living Jan. 1904.)

Carried to next page. (and said page is missing.)

Charles Debro Gurley, of Indianapolis, Ind., formerly of High Point, Guilford Co. N. C.,
 was twice married. (This on a loose sheet in A.E.G.'s handwriting)

1st. To Patsey Peacock. She died Aug. 6, 1854, age _____
 2nd. To Emeline Partice. Mrs. Emeline Gurley died Sept. 6, 1879, age 44 years.

Children of Charles D. Gurley & ~~Emeline Partice~~ Patsey Peacock. 1st

Nancy Ann, born, Dec. 15, 1852.
 David S., " Mar. 11, 1854.

Children of Charles D. Gurley and Emeline Partice, his 2nd. wife.

Francois Taylor, born, Jun. - 9, 1856.
 Mary Irena, " Jun. 15, 1858.
 Levi Bloom, " Dec. 3, 1860.
 Alice Josephine, " Jan. 16, 1863, d. Apr. 10, 1879.
 Lavra Octave, " Aug. 20, 1865.
 Eliza Ellen, " Sep. 27, 1867.

"Carried to Page"

(and said page missing. Evidently more children were listed on said page.)

(Following is a questionnaire mailed to A.E.G., evidently, in 1911)

- (Q) Your full name (Ans.) John Gurley
 (Q) The name of your father, " Jonathon Gurley
 (Q) The date of your birth, (Ans) Don't know exact date, am 83 years old.
 (Q) The full name of the person you married..... (Ans.) Zilpha Corbitt.
 (Q) The name of her father, (Ans.) William Corbitt.
 (Q) The date of your marriage (Ans.) 10th. day of Aug., 1854.
 (Q) Is your wife living (Ans.) No

Both given names in full of all your children born, date of birth, and if any have died, date of their death

Names.	date of birth.	Deaths.
Cenia Ann Gurley,	Aug. 20, 1855	Sept. 25, 1883.
Henry Gurley	Dec. 3, 1857	Jan. 3, 1857.
Sarah Caroline, Gurley	Jan. 30, 1858	
Mary Jane, Gurley	Apr. 19, 1859	Aug. 4, 1860.
John William, Gurley	Jul. 31, 1860	Nov. 18, 1881.
Calvin Lee Gurley	Sep. 8, 1863	
Penina?? Elisebeth Gurley	Dec. 23, 1865	June 11, 1896.

(Questionnaire returned by John Gurley, Continued.)
(Written in pencilled scrawl which hard to read) (Adm'l. Children)

Mannie Ellen Alice, Born ~~Feb. 14, 1869~~ 6-14-1869 Died ~~July 17, 1900~~ 5-1-1893.
Arelia Eliza, " June 10, 1871 Died July 17, 1900.
Emma, " Feb. 15, 1873, Died July 10, 1873.

(Q) I would be pleased to have you give me something of the history of your life, what has been your occupation &c.

(Ans.) I was a farmer up to the war, then worked on the railroads for 20 years, then returned to farming and have kept at it ever since.

(Q) Probably you cannot answer only a part of the following questions, but please answer what you can.

(Q) Your father's full name? (Ans) Jonathon Gurley
(Q) The name of your mother before she was married?..... (Ans) Irene Rullise (so looks)
(Q) The date of your father's death, (Ans) Age 68
(Q) The date of your mother's death, (Ans) Age 84.

(Q) The names of all their children, commence with the oldest, and I would be pleased to have you give me the Post-Office address, of them so I can write Where did your father live, what was his occupation & c. All the information you can give me about your parents, will be very thankfully and cordially received by me, and when I hear from you I will send you one of my photographs, one of my latest, Please give me all the information you can, and return this sheet in the enclosed envelope.

(Ans.) "Henry Gurley, oldest - Joseph, William, James, Debra, Zilpha, John & Robert (twins) Nancy, Calvin. These are the names of my brothers and sisters, myself included. They are all dead except myself. My father lived in Johnson Co., then moved to Wayne, where he died in the eastern part of this state, N. C. His occupation was farming."

(Attached to this questionnaire by a very rusty pin was a letter, dated from High Point, N. C., on April 14, 1911, and signed "John Gurley" which will be quoted in full below. It shows what one in search of genealogical information is often up against, and reminds the writer of the suspicion which he was under when he went into the remote mountain wilderness of Gaddistown, Ga., where there is no town at all, but just widely separated farms in this or that mountain cove.)

"Dear Sir;--- I have given you all the information about my father and my family that I can. There was a man here in High Point a few years ago that said he read in the Atlanta Constitution an advertisement that there was not less than 50 or 60 millions of dollars in England for heirs in America by the name of Gurley. I would like you to tell me who appointed you to investigate the Gurley record and why the Gurleys that live here and in Johnson Co. is the closest connection to the Gurley that left England and settled in Scotland. You are a relation, but not so closely related as the Gurleys in Johnson Co. I would like to know why you went to England to search the records if you did not know that this money was coming to the Gurley heirs in America. I will give you all the information I can and help you if you will tell me plainly that you are trying to get that money if not I will not tell you anything more. Respectfully, John Gurley."

(The above John Gurley, born in 1828 if he was aged 83 in 1911, was evidently a descendant of one of the two early John Gurleys in Johnston County, N. C.)

(Following letter was in longhand on the stationery of John W. Halpin, Murphysboro, Illinois, and addressed to A. E. Gurley, Willimantic, Conn., on April 3, 1911.)

"I must ask your pardon for being tardy in my reply to your letter of March 18th. I was obliged to consult my brother, William, before I could answer you correctly on some of the questions.

My wife's maiden name was Anna Wellenstoner; my name before adoption was John Gurley; and since my adoption I taken my second given name, i.e., William, when I was converted.

The children in my father's family, to my knowledge, are as follows; James Gurley, the oldest, Otis Gurley the second oldest; William Gurley the third oldest; and John Gurley the last born whose father was dead some three months before I saw the light of the world.

My mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Tabbs, and she never married again after my father's death. My brother, Otis Gurley, resides now at High Point, N. C., and my uncle, John Gurley, an own brother to my father, also lives at High Point, N. C. He is a man of some odd years old and I understand that the woods around High Point are full of Gurleys; and I believe that a home coming of the Gurleys 5 years hence would be a capston idea, and in your work, I wish you God speed; and may you live to see and enjoy the beauty of same.

I will, at times, remember you in my prayers, for the faith of my adoption is the faith that never dies. . . . Respect. --- Jno. W. Halpin."

"P.S. --remember your promise the photo; my brother, Otis, has no education to speak of however you may write him, but I believe Uncle John could give you plenty of information."

(The data below was on one typed sheet of paper among the A.E.G. notes.)

"The following was found among letters and papers left by Rev. Ralph Randolph Gurley, of Washington, D. C., who went to Scotland a number of times for the purpose of finding out what he could by the records of Scotland about the Gurleys of that country.

Dear William.

I received yours requesting any information I can give of our ancestry. So far as I could ever learn all the Gourlays of the three Kingdoms are of Norman extraction and are descended from one man viz? Thomas De Gourlay, who in the latter end of the 11th. century, came over with William the Lion who for some time (after being taken prisoner in an engagement with Henry of England's forces) was kept in captivity in Normandy by Henry but was afterwards restored, when the same Thomas De Gourlay came with him, and it appears for his friendly attentions and sage counsels he was rewarded by a grant of the lands of Kinoraig in Fifeshire which I believe is possessed by the name to this day.

With regard to our branch I can say but little; I learn by tradition of our family that my great grandfather joined the malcontents against the Government in the troublous times before the Revolution in 1688, and was at the Battle of Bortwell Bridge where he with a few others acted in a very gallant and conspicuous manner, his son, my grand-father, and your great grand-father, was born in that year or the year following. He, on what account or friendly connections I know not was brought to manhood and educated in the family of the Maxwell's Monroath, in the old mansion of Strathgubhan in Galloway. How he came to leave there or for what reason I do not recollect hearing.

It does appear that he was either aided or owned by them after he came to Ayrshire. He had a brother who went from Galloway to Ireland, whose descendants are in the north of that country, and another brother, John, who came to Wilkining and some few of his descendants are still about Dalry and Hillside.

My grand-father was twice married, after he came to Ayrshire, where or how long the first time I do not know, his family by his first wife all died young. He married again his

(See next page, No. 26, for conclusion.)

second wife about 1740, being then about 60 years of age, his family by this marriage which arrived at maturity was your grand-father William and Andrew, and Margaret the rest I presume you know.

The Armorial bearings of the name are a Spread Eagle both on Shield and Crest.

Motto.

Profunda Cernit.

May it be realized in whatever pline, in seeing clearly our duty to God, and to avoid danger.

And with best respects to our 'Yankee relations' I remain my dear yours truly,

(Above letter bore no date. Rev. Ralph Randolph
Gurley's name not in Robert Isham Randolph's
"The Randolphs of Virginia, published in 1927.)

Mrs. Gourlay 3d Left.
Ayrshire."

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being comments of the writer,

The foregoing 25- $\frac{1}{2}$ pages, with remarks between the ()s, constitute all of the
borrowed A. E. Gurley data which, it is to be hoped, will be of value to someone.

Compiled by a descendant of the Isham Gurleys:

John Miller Bradley, of
4211 Overlook Road,
Birmingham 5, Alabama.
June 6, 1961.

To: Gurley Researcher
Fr: Ted Gurley
Re: Bradley Research

May, 1999

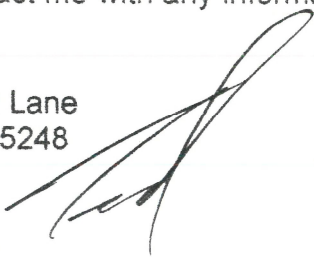
Attached is a poor microfilm photocopy of original research from Jim Bradley in 1946 concerning the Gurley family of Johnston Co, NC and Southampton Co., VA. Specifically, Bradley focused on William Gurley and Isham.

Bradley expanded and modified research and assumptions made by A.E. Gurley in the late 1800's.

There are several errors in both Bradley's and Gurley's work that I have since incorporated in my research.

Please contact me with any information you might have:

Ted Gurley
7360 Tophill Lane
Dallas, TX 75248

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ted Gurley', written over the printed name and address.

972-960-0236

tgurley@onramp.net

NOTES ON WILLIAM GURLEY, ONE OF THE FIRST SETTLERS OF
JOHNSTON COUNTY, N.C., AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS

By

JOHN M. BRADLEY, OF 4211 OVERLOOK ROAD, B'GHAM. 5, ALA.
SEPTEMBER, 1946.

In Johnston Co., N.C., Deed Book "B. No. 1, Pages 362-3-4-5-6." there is recorded a long deed, dated Feb. 2, 1793, wherein Arthur Gurley, of said County, conveys to William Worley, for 130 pounds, 125 acres situated in Johnston County "on the North side of Neuse River and on the North side of Measlin Swamp, and resiting that same is;--

"the upper part of Two Hundred acres of land granted to William Gurley under the seal of his Excellency Gabriel Johnston Esquire Governor, bearing date the 20th day of April, A.D. 1705, and transferred by deed from William Gurley to John Gurley and thence by ~~deed~~ ^{heirship} from John Gurley to Frederick Gurley and transferred by deed from Frederick Gurley to Nathan Gurley and descended by ~~heirship~~ ^{heirship} from Nathan Gurley to Arthur Gurley and transferred by deed from Arthur Gurley to William Worley."

The date of APRIL 20, 1705, is a copyist's error, and has "crossed up" a number of genealogists. In 1940, the writer spent several days at Smithfield, N.C., County Seat of Johnston County, and employed Rev. James P. Smith, of that City to assist him in his search of Gurley records, as Rev. Smith is an excellent genealogist and was entirely familiar with the history of Johnston County and with its records. On Feb. 15, 1941, Rev. Smith wrote to me as follows:

"The date of 1705 for patent of William Gurley mentioned in Deed Book B-1, p. 362 is a copyist's error. I once showed this to the Registrar of Deeds as a curiosity. There are no patents in this area earlier than 1700. The identical tract is deeded by Frederick Gurley to Nathan Gurley in 1771. (Transcript 1.-311) and refers to patent granted to William Gurley, April 20, 1745."

Johnston County Will Book I., at page 62, records the will of Mary Gurley, executed May 7, 1792, and probated about November of same year in which, after bequeathing "One Shilling Sterling" to each of her children, William, Jacob, Isaac, Rebecca Austin, Lidia Pool, Mary Burwick and John, she left the remainder of her estate to her daughter, Patty. Olds, in his "Abstract of Wills", lists the above, but misprints Isaac's name as "Iron." The writer has seen the original will, which is preserved at Dept. of Archives, in Raleigh, in Will Book # 56.091 at page 8, and the name is unquestionably Isaac, meant for Isham, as his name was subsequently spelled, in other public records.

Although there is no documentary proof, due probably to fact that some of the Johnston County records are missing, it has been taken for granted by several genealogists who have examined Johnston County Gurley records, that she was the widow of a William Gurley whose name figures in a number of Johnston County deeds. No record has been found of their marriage, or of his death.

In 1897, A. E. Gurley, of Willimantic, Conn., published a book on the Genealogy of the New England Gurleys, and subsequently, in the early 1900s, toured the South, as far as Cadistown, Ga., gathering material on the Southern Gurleys, intending to publish another book, but died before so doing. Some of his notes have been preserved, and hereinafter he will be referred to as "A.E.G."

After A.E.G. had carefully combed the records of Johnston Co., N.C., and noted the above deed from Arthur Gurley to William Worley, he wrote:

JOHN M. BRADLEY, OF 4211 OVERLOOK ROAD, B'HAM, 5, ALA.
SEPTEMBER, 1946.

"the upper part of two Hundred acres of land granted to William Curley with the seal of his Excellency Gabriel Johnston Esquire Governor, bearing date the 20th day of April, A.D. 1765, and transferred by deed from William Curley to John Curley and accepted by heirship from John Curley to Frederick Curley and transferred by deed from Frederick Curley to Nathan Curley and accepted by heirship from Nathan Curley to Arthur Curley and transferred by deed from Arthur Curley to William Curley."

"The date of 1788 for patent of William Carley noted in 2-1, p. 382 is a copyist's error. I once showed this to a local expert and he is a curiosity. There are no patents in this area earlier than 1800. The first patent in this area is dated by Frederick Carley to Nathan Carley in 1800 (2-312) and refers to patent granted to William Carley, 1788."

After A.E.G. had carefully combed the records of Johnston Co., N.C., and noted the above deed from Arthur Gurley to William Worley, he wrote:

The first record to be found of any Gurley in the Southern States is found on the land records of Johnston County, (at Smithfield) N.C. and this deed is given in full in this history, page to which reference may be had, to a deed of land by William Gurley, dated April 20, 1706, and which he had previously obtained by a land grant from the state of North Carolina, and by the reading of this deed it may reasonably be presumed that this William Gurley had a son John, and that this son John, had a son William that married Mary _____ about 1746.

"According to the date of the first William Gurley deeding land in 1706 there must have been in all probability one generation between the first and second William Gurley that married Mary _____ about 1746 whose family record is given here below, and her will also.

"Where William Gurley the first came from or any knowledge of his former history or ancestry up to the present time has not been found. 'Tradition' says he came from the North part of Ireland, which may or may not be true, but there is no proof to substantiate this statement. Tradition is sometimes right, but I more often find it wrong. It is true there were Gurleys living in the North part of Ireland at that date, and years before, and also there were Gurleys in England in those days."

"William Gurley, of Johnston and Anson Counties, N.C. married Mary _____ about 1746" wrote A. E. G. and said "Children of William Gurley and Mary _____ his wife" were:

1. WILLIAM, born Jan. 8, 1748

(Following comment by J. M. Bradley:- His will, probated in Anson Co. N.C. in 1804, in W.B. 2, p. 47, mentions his wife MILLINDER and 8 children as follows:

(A) Elizabeth Austin, evidently wife of Drury Austin, as he inherited 140 acres of William Gurley's land; (B) Jean (or Jane?) Pool, evidently wife of Middleton Pool, as Anson Co. deed shows that on May 24, 1788, Middleton Pool conveyed to William Gurley, with Joseph & William Gurley, as witnesses; (C) Sarah Lawhorn, evidently wife of John Lawhorn, who inherited part of William Gurley estate; (D) James (E) William (F&G) Daughters Dorcas and Ferrabee, one of whom must have been wife of Benjamin Thomas, who inherited part of estate; (H) Son, Willis, who also acted as Executor with friend Leonard Musselwhite.

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"Service
North Car.

Isham Gurley

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"Pickens Co., Ala., Apr. 17, 1832. Comes Isham Gurley, resident of said County and said state, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the Act of Congress of June 7, 1832.

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On Oct. 23, 1835, Isham Gurley makes an amended declaration, states that in making former declaration, that he was not aware of the necessity of stating exact length of service, that he does now state that his first service was in 1776 for 1 month & 8 days- and that in his second service in 1778-1779, he served 4 months and 20 days.

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The A.B.C. records list the first eight children of "Izom" Gurley and Sally Smith as boys, William, Jacob, John, Willis, James, Izom, Lewis and Henry. The Census of Johnston Co., N.C., for 1850 (the first U.S. Census) listed an Izom Gurley as a family head with "1 2-2-0-0" which, "interpreted," meant that Izom was the family head; that he had three sons under sixteen years of age, two free white females, one of whom could have been his wife, 12 living, and the other a daughter, no other persons and no slaves.

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" "	1 male 10-15	2 females 15-20
" "	2 males 16-25	1 female over 45
" "	1 male 26-45	
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JOHN THOMAS GALEY

4 males under 10 2 females 10-15
1 male 16-18 1 female 26-45
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JOHN COTTERILL

1 male over 45 2 female 13-26
1 female over 45

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1 male 15.20 1 female under 10
1 female 16.28

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1 male 24-12 1 female 23-23
1 female 23-45
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WILLIAM GURLEY	2 males under 5	1 female under 5	page 36
	1 male 5-10	2 females 10-15	
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	1 male 30-40		

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ISHAM GURLEY	1 male under 5	1 female 10-15	page 517
	2 males 5-10	1 male 15-20	
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William Gurley, age 25, born 1825, Alabama
Isham Gurley, age 42, born 1808, Alabama
Sarah Gurley, age 35, born 1815, Alabama
William Gurley, age 20, born 1830, Alabama
Isham Gurley, age 17, born 1833, Alabama
Sarah Gurley, age 12, born 1838, Alabama

In 1850, we find an 1820 census for William Gurley, age 25, born 1825, Alabama, and his wife, Sarah, age 35, born 1815, Alabama. They were then living in Alabama, and the date of marriage was probably 1845. William Gurley and one of his brothers, who lived in Alabama, were both in the 1850 census for Shelby Co. Tenn. but have no family, and are by no means wealthy.

Isham Gurley Jr. was in Greene County, Ala. in 1850, and was then 22 or 23 years of age, together with James J. Gurley, who was born 1828, later, together with a GORDON family, settled in Union Co., Ga., probably not more than 30 or 40 miles away from an old Indian town. The Gurleys were remote mountain Indians very similar to the Cherokee Indians. Isham Jr.'s first child was born in 1853 and above him, Isham Jr. and his wife were born in Green County, Ala.

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In the 1830 Census, we find both Ishams in Pickens County, Alabama, together with a William Gurley, who must have been Isham Jr.'s oldest brother. We find:

ISHAM GURLEY SR.	1 male 70-80	1 female 70-80	page 46
ISHAM GURLEY	1 male under 5	1 female under 5	page 5
	1 male 15-20	2 females 5-10	
	1 male 30-40	1 female 10-15	
		1 female 50-60 (his wife, b. 17-1798)	

WILLIAM GURLEY	2 males under 5	1 female under 5	Page 26
	1 male 5-10	2 females 10-15	
	1 male 10-15	1 female 15-20	
	2 males 20-30	1 female 20-30	
	1 male 30-40		

In the 1840 Pickens County, Alabama, Census, we find:

ISHAM GURLEY	1 male under 5	1 female 10-15	
	2 males 5-10	1 female 15-20	Page 517
	1 male 10-15	1 female 30-40	
	1 male 40-50		

WILLIAM GURLEY	1 male 20-30	1 female 5-10	Page 351
		1 female 20-30	

In 1850, all of the above Gurleys have disappeared in the Census, but we find an "H. B. Baskins Gurley, age 25, Town Sec. 36, Twp. 12, Range 10, Alabama Co.," who was probably dead, or had moved to some other locality, for the 1850 census for Washington Co. lists:

p. 145 Fam. No. 750, Southern Division	
ISHAM GURLEY	age 42 born North Carolina
Sarah Gurley	age 51 born North Carolina
William Gurley	age 20 born Alabama
John Gurley	age 17 born Alabama
John B. Gurley	age 12 born Alabama

A most perplexing problem is to determine where or whereabouts William Gurley in the Census, listed in 1840 by William H. Gurley, a record of his family in which vicinity he has a number of descendants named Gurley and generally says that he married SARAH, born 1-17-1798 & d. 12-15-1841, but the place and date of her death were not given and the date of marriage was not given. Mr. William H. Gurley and one of his brothers there claim her last name was GALT or GALT or GALT, but have no records, and are by no means certain.

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Folly Mize Gurley	was born Nov. 15, 1820
Frederic J. Gurley	" " Apr. 18, 1824
JEREMIAH G.	" " Jan. 6, 1826
Gady, son	" " Feb. 11, 1828, 1828
William H. (For Henry)	" " Oct. 15, 1828, 1830
John S. (For Smith)	" " Mar. 14, 1833
Joseph Martin Gurley	" " Oct. 28, 1838

Isham Warren Gurley " Aug. 18, 1857. (From 2nd marriage)
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Isham Gurley died July 8, 1861. (In Tishomingo, Co. Miss.)

The above constituted all of the legible entries on the Gurleys. There were a large number of entries, mostly in poor pencil, about affiliated families, one I believed to be BLOUNT, but as pressed for time, did not attempt to copy.

Mr. WILLIAM HENRY GURLEY, owner of the Bible, was ill and not in Dorsey; so did not get to talk to him, but spent several hours with his brother, Mr. JAMES WHITFIELD GURLEY (son of Joseph Martin Gurley, above) and had a delightful dinner in his home. He stated that JOSEPH MARTIN GURLEY had following children:

- (1) ANNE LOUVENIA who "married a MINK."
- (2) JEREMIAH JECKONIA of Fort Worth, Texas.
- (3) JOHN WILLIAM, b. 6-14-1870, of Caledonia, Miss.
- (4) JAMES WHITFIELD? b. 11-22-1872, and m. 9-13-1896, SAVANNAH, dau. of WILLIAM BOSTICK and ADELINE DICKINSON, of near Red Bay, Alabama, and had following:
 - (A) Elmer Clarence, b. 7-29-1897.
 - (B) James Lee, b. 2-10-1904.
 - (C) Martin Fletcher, b. 5-11-1906.
 - (D) Charles Herbert, b. 8-11-1908.
 - (E) Marcus Monroe, b. 1-25-1913.
 - (F) Wendell Ray, b. 1--6-1917, who is married and has infant son, named Wendell Ray Jr
- (5) MARY CAROLINE, who m. Dr. A. E. Bostick, of Iuka, Miss.
- (6) MARCUS WALLER, Deceased.
- (7) CHARLES MANNING, b. 6-15-1882, and lives at Dorsey, Miss.

On leaving Dorsey, Miss. and starting home, I tried to find a Mr. Calvin Gaddy, who lived a few miles East of Dorsey, said to have been about 80 years of age, but he was not at home. I did find his daughter, a Mrs. Miles, who informed me that her GADDY family was related to the GURLEYS, of Dorsey, Miss., but she could not tell me how or who. She promised to have her father write and explain, but he never did. This is another indication that Isham Gurley Jr. married SARAH GADDY.

ISHAM GURLEY JR. IN WAR OF 1812.

Investigation, in Washington, of applications for Bounty Land for soldiers, under Acts of Congress in 1851 and 1855, revealed that Isham Gurley Jr. did not apply under the 1851 Act (probably because he never heard of it) but did apply under the Act of 1855 as a soldier of the War of 1812, in support of which, he filed the following affidavit:

"Application of Isham Gurley for Bounty Land."

"Isham Gurley, private, James McClure's Co. Colonel Thos. Lenore-N.C. Militia.

Tishomingo Co. Miss., March 13, 1855, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace with County and State aforesaid, Isham Gurley, age 58, resident of Tishomingo Co. Miss. He declares he is the identical Isham Gurley who was a private in the Company of North Carolina Volunteers commanded by Col. Thomas Lenore in the War of 1812; that the said Isham Gurley volunteered in Waynesville, Haywood CO. N.C. sometime during the year 1813, during the best of his recollection to be in readiness to go to seat of war, any time when called upon. That he was with his Company regularly mustered for a year or more and that on or about the first day of January, 1815, that he was regularly mustered into the service of the United States at Waynesville, N.C. and marched to Wadesboro, in Anson County, N.C., the place of rendezvous, and was there discharged honorably on account of news being received that peace was made. This was about the latter part of January, or February, 1815.

"The time he was in actual service from the time he was mustered into service at Weynesboro was 1 month, or more, and that he received his month's pay for the same service. That he never performed any other service. That he never received a certificate of discharge, but he refers to the muster rolls of said Company for proof of said service. That his name may have been written on the rolls as ISOM Gurley. That he never received any bounty land for any service and that this is his first application for bounty land.

"He makes this declaration for purpose of obtaining bounty land to which he may be entitled under Act passed September, 1868, granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers.

His

Isham x Gurley
Mark. "

"The Commissioner of Pensions will please forward my warrant or any communication by mail relative to the same to S. A. Barnes, Barnes' Store, Tishomingo Co., Miss., who, as my agent, will receive same and transmit to me.

His

Isham x Gurley
Mark. "

Official Records show---- "Isham Gurley, private, Captain James McClure's Co., Col. Frances Lenore's Reg. N. Car. Militia. Discharged about Feb. 1, 1815, War of 1812,

Records of 3rd Auditor's office show that Isham Gurley served as private in N. Car. Militia under command of Capt. James McClure from Feb. 16, 1815, to March 12, 1815. No evidence of travel.

"Bounty land granted."

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ANENT REV. JEREMIAH G. GURLEY, 4th CHILD OF ISHAM JR.

This brings the writer to the above, who was his great grandfather. As shown above, he was born on Jan. 5, 1826 and as his obituary which will be included herein says he was born in "the Anderson District of S. C.", he was unquestionably born in Oconee County, and brought to Pickens County, Alabama, by or before 1850.

When he was within a couple of weeks of becoming 20 years of age, he married, in Pickens Co., Ala., Mary Anne Stokes, whose father, David, was born in Lunenburg Co. Va., as a member of the illustrious Stokes family of that county which is called "The Old Free State". To those interested in the Stokes family, it is suggested that they consult the three volume work entitled "The Old Free State" by Landon Bell.

Records cited herein indicate that, while Jeremiah's great grandfather and Great grandmother, William & Mary Gurley of Johnston Co., N. C. could write, as is shown by Mary's will and the numerous deeds signed by William, that neither his son, Isham nor his grandson Isham Jr. could sign their names. This was probably due to fact that William and his wife, Mary, were born and raised most probably in Virginia, and that the two Ishams were brought up in wild frontier sections where there were no schools.

Family tradition says that Jeremiah had little, if any education, but that his wife taught him and encouraged him to educate himself. She must have done a good job for, according to his obituary, written by an eminent minister, he went far from such a poor start.

FROM ALABAMA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE OF OCT. 31, 1883,
ON FILE AT BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN COLLEGE LIBRARY.

REV. J. G. GURLEY.

"To preserve the memory of the sainted dead, and to commit to posterity the record of a good life and the testimony of a triumphant death, prompts me to write this article and offer a noble tribute to one of my truest and best friends. Brother Gurley was born in Anderson District, S. C. Jan. 5, 1826. His father moved to Pickens Co., S. C., when he was an infant. He was soundly converted at a Camp Meeting and joined the old Hopewell Church, under the ministry of the Rev. William Vaughan, when sixteen years old. December 23, 1845, he was married to Miss Mary A. Stokes. He was licensed to exhort by the Rev. George Shaffer, preacher in charge of the Carrolton Circuit, Alabama Conference, October 31, 1848. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Carrolton Circuit, at Hargrove's Camp-ground, Pickens County, September 13, 1851. --George Shaffer P. E. He joined the Conference at Montgomery, December, 1860, and was ordained a Deacon by Bishop Paine, at Eutaw, Alabama, Dec. 9, 1855. At Greshboro, Ala., on the 15th day of December, 1861, he was ordained an Elder by Bishop Early. In 1861-62, he travelled the Fayette Circuit. In 1863-64, he travelled the Moscow Circuit. He served the Bexar Circuit in 1865, and was then returned to the Mesquite Circuit in 1866. In December of 1866, he was appointed Presiding Elder of the Jasper District. He was stationed at Elyton and Irondale in 1868-69. In 1870, he was appointed Presiding Elder for the colored people. In 1871, he served the Jonesboro Circuit, then in the North Alabama Conference. In 1872, he travelled the Northport Circuit. In November of 1872, he was appointed Presiding Elder of the Gunter District. He travelled this district for four years consecutively. He was then appointed Presiding Elder of the Decatur District. He travelled this district for one year and was then appointed Presiding Elder of the Birmingham District. He travelled this district in 1878-79. He was then appointed by Bishop Paine to the Montevallo Circuit, and served this work in 1880. In 1881, he was appointed to the Ocketon Circuit, but his health failing rapidly he was compelled to give up the charge. In 1882 he took a superannuated relation. At our last Conference, having partially regained his health, he was returned to the effective list and appointed to the Birmingham City Mission. He served this charge, though in feeble health, the larger portion of the year, but at last the heroic spirit was forced to succumb, and with a sad heart he asked to be relieved.

"Thus I have followed in detail the history of an itinerant Methodist preacher who, in making the history thus briefly sketched, suffered more and bore with cheerfulness burdens and sorrows that would have crushed a less noble soul. He never assumed or was placed by others in any position that he was not true to every interest it involved. Since I first met him, in 1867, I have known him intimately. He was my Presiding Elder for six years, and during that time he never missed an appointment or was an hour late. For the last four years he has been in my district, I have been with him more than any other member of my Conference. I think I have his confidence, and knew much of his heart; and while he was naturally of a lively temperament, underneath all this there was a deep current of devotion, and an integrity of character that gave to him the spirit of a martyr, where moral principles were involved.

"He was a good English scholar and a fine preacher. He was a man of sorrow, and fully acquainted with domestic grief, having buried all of a large family of children, except one. Some of these lived to be grown, and died while he was absent on his District, and were buried out of his sight when he returned.

What a trial! And yet his faith triumphed, and he turned away from his darkened home and the new grave to preach the Gospel to Sinners. At Gadsden he was elected a delegate to the General Conference held in Atlanta. He preached the first sermon ever delivered in the City of Birmingham, in an old wooden building that then stood on First Avenue, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets.

"His disease was cancer of the stomach. He suffered the most intense and protracted pain, yet no murmur ever escaped his lips. I visited him often during his sickness, sitting up with him night after night. I had frequent opportunities of talking with him about his hopes and prospects after death. Never in a single instance did his faith waver or his hope grow dim. On one occasion, I asked him if he had any doubts as to the truth of the Gospel, and the willingness of Christ to save him. His answer was: 'Do you think I would preach the Gospel as long as I have and then come down to a death-bed and doubt it? No, my brother, there is not a doubt or fear on my mind -- my way is perfectly clear'. Just before he died, while gazing steadfastly up, he said, 'Listen, listen!' and exclaimed 'I see Paul!' Who knows but the Apostle came down to meet the old soldier on the banks of the last river, and show him the way to a Heaven he had often attempted to describe and now was about to enter.

"Thus he lived and thus he died, without a blemish on his character, from the day of his conversion to the day of his death, leaving to his bereaved wife and only daughter a name and a memory of which they may be justly proud. Brother Gurley is dead! His battle flag has been folded, having waved in victory over the empire of death, and his sword has been sheathed, after having been tested from point to hilt on many a field of conflict.

"His musical 'Here!' will be heard no more, answering to roll-call at our annual convocation, but in the ranks of the blessed above he has been accorded a place, as a faithful 'dispenser of the word of life', and an able minister of the 'new and ever lasting covenant.' To me and mine, he has been as a father and we feel deeply our bereavement in his death. His friends were numbered by the thousands. Wherever he went he made friends, and by his fidelity he held them to the end of his life.

"His Damascus blade is sheathed at last,
Life's toilsome journey ended,
His conflicts with the world are past,
His spirit has ascended,

It rests with God and Angels bright,
It shouts redemption's story,
Where setting suns shall bring no night
Nor hush its song of glory."

W. C. McCoy,
Birmingham, Alabama, Oct. 23, 1883."

Jeremiah G. Gurley died at Birmingham, at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, Oct. 12, 1883, and was buried in block 57 in Oakhill Cemetery, in Birmingham.

The above tells all that the writer desires to know about Jeremiah G. Gurley except two things. The first is what did the "G" in his name stand for. His name has been printed in numerous books, land deeds and other public records, but was invariably "Jeremiah G. Gurley". His distinguished grandson, Lee Carrington Bradley, thought it was Gadi, but the writer is strongly inclined to believe that the

"G" was for his mother's name of Gady or Gaddy, or whatever it was. Family tradition says that he was a chaplain in the Confederate Army. In the early 1900s, the Daughters of The Confederacy, or some such organization, placed a stone at the foot of his grave marked "G.S.A.". The Alabama State Department of Archives states that it can find no record of his having served with the Confederate Army in Alabama. Knowing that during the latter portion of the war he was living at Pikeville, in Marion County, Ala., just a few miles East of the Mississippi line, it occurred to the writer that possibly he served with some Mississippi unit, but the Miss Dept of Archives likewise states that it has no record of his service.

Jeremiah Gurley founded a Methodist Church, called Wesley Chapel, in the Northern section of the City which has been active to this day.

His obituary mentioned a number of children, all of whom died young but one daughter. She was Sarah Jane Eliza Gurley, Born Feb. 8, 1847, married Richard Carrington Bradley (the writer's grandfather) on Sept. 16, 1866, and died, at Birmingham, on Sept. 14, 1884. For a complete list of the descendants of this marriage, and only descendants of Jeremiah G. Gurley, see Vol. 48, p. 365, of Virginia Magazine of History and Biography. All of his other children were wiped out by Tuberculosis. /and without issue

A few days ago, since starting these typed pages, the writer received another letter from his U.S. Census searcher stating that the Pickens Co., Ala. U.S. Census for 1850 listed:

"Pickens Co. Ala. ~~1840~~ 1850., Family # 183.
J. G. Gurley, Age 24, Born So. Car. R. Est. \$ 300.
Mary A. " 27, " " "
Sarah J. " 3, " Ala.
James R. " 1, " "
William D. " 1 Mo. " "

This letter also stated that the Pickens Co. 1840 Census showed:

Jeremiah Gaddy, p. 11	J. Gaddy, p. 79
1 Male 20-30 and also	1 Male 20-30 20-30
1 Male under 5	1 Male 30-40
1 female 20-30	2 females to 5
	2 females 5-10
	1 female 20-30

This raises the interesting speculation that the above Jeremiah Gaddy and J. Gaddy were probably, or possibly, the two sons of Johnathon Gabby, listed on page 6, supra, in 1810 census of Haywood Co., N.C., they then both being between ages of 10-26. The "J. Gaddy" may have been ~~the~~ Jonathon Gabby Jr. As record indicates that Isham Gurley Sr. & Jonathon Gabby were near neighbors; that Gabby had two daughters of about same age as Isham Gurley Jr., it appears logical to speculate that Isham Jr. married one of these daughters, named Sarah, and that two of her brothers, Jeremiah and J., followed the Gurleys to Pickens Co. Alabama.

The 1880 Census for Union County, N.C., listed an Isham Gurley, then aged 21. And a few days ago I received a letter from my Census searcher stating that, while searching the Census records for Atalla Co., Miss., for another client on another matter, she ran across following:

"Page 321, # 397 - Isham Gurley, age 31 or 34, born Ala., No R. Est. P.P. \$720, with family of Frances, age 31, born Tenn., Josephine age 9, born Miss., and Anne E? Age 8, Born in Miss.

Some clues, conjectures and speculations.

Is the name Isham is an unusual one. Lot of the just mentioned Isham must be related to the Isham hereinabove discussed at length.

In 1656, a Captain Henry Isham, said to have been of royal descent through his mother, Mary Brett, came to Henrico Co., Va., from England. His daughter, Mary, married Col. William Randolph and it has often been claimed that more famous Americans were descended from this marriage than from any other couple in America. The list includes Thomas Jefferson, Chief Justice John Marshall, Gen. Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee, Gen. Robert E. Lee, Peyton Randolph, Sir John Randolph, Edmund Randolph, John Randolph of Roanoke, and many others.

The writer believes that the Gurleys in Johnston Co. N.C. came there from Virginia, probably Southampton Co. Va., and that William Gurley named his third son Isham because there was some connection between the Gurleys and Ishams back in Virginia.

Southampton CO. Va. Will Book 2, p. 362, records the will of George Gurley Sr. of County of Seaton, in Parish of St. Luke, executed Aug. 12, 1768, in presence of William Thomas, Jesse Brasswell and James Peding, and probated by George Gurley Jr., as Executor, on Jan. 10, 1771, in which the testator mentioned his wife, without naming her, his son, John, daughters W. Cary West and Fathay Sellers, his grandson, George Edwards, and concluded by leaving the balance of his estate to be divided "between my son, George Jr., and Ann Edwards", the latter of whom would have been his daughter.

The West Family was very prominent in early Virginia for, in 1635-37, John West was governor of the State and he had a brother, Thomas West, who was the 3rd. Lord Delaware. The above will indicates and, in fact, shows that one of the daughters of George Gurley Sr. had married a West.

Oconee Co., S.C. D.B. 9, p. 649 (also recorded at Anderson, S.C. in Book O. at p. 380) shows that, on Nov. 12, 1818, WEST GURLEY sold 216 acres of land in Oconee Co. to Jesse Hall. Around 1819-1820, this West Gurley's name appears in several deeds recorded in Jefferson Co. Ala., of which Birmingham is the County seat.

As West, too, is an unusual surname, it strongly indicates that he was so named because he was descended from the West family. Could it be just a co-incidence that Isham Gurley, Isham Jr. and West Gurley were all in Oconee Co., S. C. on the heels of the retiring Indians, just as that locality was being opened for settlement? There must have been a connection and relationship between them. West left Oconee shortly after the above sale and lingered for a time in Jefferson County, Ala. The two Ishams, a few years later, followed him into Alabama, but settled in Pickens County.

And while the above will of George Gurley Sr., mentioning his daughter, Ann Edwards, is fresh in your mind, it is interesting that one of the early Gurleys in Johnston Co., N.C. was a John Gurley who had married Elizabeth Edwards, most probably back in Virginia. As marriages of cousins in Virginia in those days was almost a rule, and not an exception, there was probably a relationship between Elizabeth Edwards and the Edwards whom Ann, the daughter of George Gurley Sr., had married, but of this, more later.

4. REBECCA, named as Rebecca Austin and as 4th child mentioned in the 1792 will of Mary Gurley, of Johnston Co., N.C. A.F.G. spelled her name REBECKAH; said she was born in 1755, and that she married "Austin." If anyone considers it important to know exact spelling of her name, the original will is on file at Raleigh, N.C.

Johnston Co. N.C. D.B.I, p. 62, records a deed, dated Jan. 16, 1784, from William Gurley to Alexander Pool, conveying certain land described as a patent to William Gurley, Senior, dated March 15, 1756. The witnesses are Nathaniel Gurley and John Austin. This appears to be a family deed. Alexander Pool appears to be the son-in-law of William Gurley, and husband of his daughter, a Pool, mentioned in Mary Gurley's will. John Austin is presumably another son-in-law and husband of Rebecca Austin, mentioned in said will.

It therefore appears clear that the above Rebecca married John Austin. As the writer has been working for years in an attempt to trace out his direct Gurley line, he made no effort to trace descendants of this marriage. A further study of records of Johnston, Anson and other surrounding counties might reveal some of the descendants of John Pool Austin and Rebecca Gurley.

5. LYDIA, the 5th child mentioned in Mary's will, as Lydia Pool. A.F.G. said she was born in 1757. The above deed from William Gurley to Alexander Pool indicates that he was the husband of Lydia. The writer likewise has no data on descendants of this couple.

Anson Co. N.C. D.B. 2, p. 14, shows that, on Feb. 28, 1782, Middleton Pool, of Anson Co. sells certain lands to William Gurley; and Anson Deed Book E, p. 272, shows that, on Aug. 6, 1787, Middleton Pool, of Montgomery Co., N.C. sells certain land to William Gurley, of Anson Co., the deed being witnessed by James Gurley and Willis Gurley. It may be that this Middleton Pool was the father of Alexander, who married Lydia, the daughter of William Gurley or perhaps a brother, for there was apparently a connection.

6. MARY BURWICK??? Was she a daughter of Mary Gurley, and mentioned in her will? Somebody "went hay-wire" on this one. When the writer was in Johnston Co. 1940, his wife copied Mary Gurley's will, verbatim, and listed Mary Burwick as the child. A. F. G. did not list her and if another person, who copied what Olds said in his book, "Abstracts of Wills", copied same correctly, then Olds also failed to include Mary Burwick as a child of said Mary Gurley. A re-check of this will, either at Smithfield, N.C., or of the original will at Raleigh, will be necessary to settle this. If she was a daughter, then it is uncertain whether Mary Burwick was a double surname, or ~~what~~ whether it was just Mary who had married a Burwick. If she existed, she had either married or moved away before Census of 1790, which indicated that her mother, Mary, was head of a household of two consisting of herself and one free white female, who would have been her daughter, Patty, (Martha) to whom she left all her estate, except the "One Shilling" to each of other children. A.F.G. said Patty never married. At any rate, the writer does not recall any other reference to Mary Burwick in his mass of miscellaneous Gurley data.

The Johnston Co. 1790 Census listed a Mary Gurley Jr. with "1-2-4-0-0" which would indicate that Mary Jr., as head of household, had one son ~~under~~ over 16, two under 16 and four free white females, presumably daughters. She is said to have lived near the above Mary of the 1792 will. No one has been able to determine who this Mary Gurley Jr. was. The writer wonders if she was Mrs. Mary Burwick and for some reason, after divorce or death of her husband, took back her name of Gurley and called herself Mary Gurley Jr.

7. JOHN GURLEY, A.E.G. said that he was born in 1769, but it will be recalled that, in Isham's (his brother) pension affidavit, (see page 6 hereof) Isham swore that he was born Jan. 13, 1769. If the children named in Mary's will were named in the order of their birth, then John must have been born about 1768-1770.

A.E.G. said that the above John Gurley married Elizabeth Edwards. If you will refer back to page 2 hereof, you will note that A.E.G. also said that still another John Gurley (son of Jacob Gurley and Susan (nee) born March 8, 1776, had married Elizabeth Edwards. A.E.G. was unquestionably mistaken in both instances for, while there was an early Johnston Co. N.C. John Gurley who married Elizabeth Edwards, anent whom more later, Mr. Justus R. Moll, of 1029 Vermont Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C., who is descended from said John & Elizabeth Edwards, and their descendants, than any other man in the Country. According to his data, John Gurley died in Johnston Co. N.C. in 1795, where his will is on file. Mr. Moll located Bible records on the nine children of John Gurley and Elizabeth Edwards showing that Robert, the first of same, was born March 6, 1744, and died Nov. 28, 1760. This shows that John Gurley and Elizabeth Edwards had a son, Robert, years before either of the two John Gurleys credited by A.E.G. with having married Elizabeth Edwards were born.

The writer has not found any N.C. records which throw any light upon the above "7. John Gurley," son of Mary Gurley of the 1792 will.

8. PATTY (Martha) GURLEY, was last child mentioned in her mother's will which, after having left "One Shilling Sterling" to each of her other above named children, left everything she possessed to Patty and appointed her the sole Executor. Mary Gurley signed her name to this will on May 7, 1792, the witnesses being Nedham Whitley, a relative, who signed his name, and by Patty Gurley and Isaac Gurley, who signed by their "X", or mark. A.E.G. said that Patty was born 1765 and died unmarried. The inventory of Mary's estate, p. 136 of Inventories of 1792-1795, is signed by Martha Gurley.

The foregoing contains most of the writer's present information on William Gurley, of the April 20, 1745, Johnston Co. land patent, who was the first Gurley in Johnston County. He was, unquestionably, the husband of Mary, of the 1792 will.

The following Johnston Co. records indicate clearly that this first William Gurley of the 1745 patent, was the father of the William who was the husband of Mary, of the 1792 will.

1. The deed in D.B. I, p. 62 (see page 15) from William Gurley (husband of Mary) to his son-in-law, Alexander Pool, stating that the land was a patent to "William Gurley, Senior", dated March 15, 1756.
2. In 1776, the will of Nathan Gurley, who was a son of John Gurley, of the 1769, will, anent both of which wills, more later, was witnessed by William Gurley Sr. and by his wife Anna Gurley. It also named "William Gurley Sr., and his wife, Anna, as Executors. Will was dated July 9, 1776, probated at "May Court", in 1777 and recorded in W.B. I, p. 765.
3. The will of John Gurley, dated Dec. 21, 1769, and probated "At the Feb. Court for 1760" was first Gurley will in Johnston Co. Deeds in Johnston Co. refer to purchases by this John from William Gurley Sr., one being a part of said William's 1745 patent.

Claim on ancestry of William Gurley Sr. of 1745 patent.

In Johnston Co. records do not show any early William Gurleys, except William of the 1745 patent, and William, the husband of Mary, of the 1792 will, the above three citations prove to the writer's satisfaction that the first William had a wife named Anna, and that he was the father of William, the husband of Mary, and not the grandfather, as A.E.G. had concluded from a loggists error in stating that the patent was dated 1706.

Even though the following records will materially lengthen this already long document, they appear to the writer to lend plausible support to his theory on the ancestry of William Gurley, of the 1745 Johnston Co. N.C. land patent.

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, RECORDS.

On Page 14, supra, the will of George Gurley, Sr. is briefed. It mentions his unnamed wife, his sons, John and George Jr., his daughters, W. Cary West and Pathay Sellers, and Ann Edwards, and his grandson, George Edwards. Was probated Jan. 10, 1771. He is said to have died Jan. 10, 1771. Writer has photostat of a document stating:

"George Gurley - Father of Rev. George Gurley, rector of St. Luke's Parish, Southampton County, died 10th January, 1771. --Va. Gazette (VAMQ OS 8/188)."

Virginia Land Office, Book 15, page 157, lists a land grant, by George the Second, of 150 acres to George Gurley of Isle of Wight County, Va., (Southampton carved therefrom in 1743) dated Feb. 28 1733. This must have been the above George.

A.E.G. said "George Gurley, (called Parsons Gurley) was the oldest son of George Gurley, the 1st, of Luke's Parish, Township of Courtland, Southampton County, Virginia, married Mary Willis, Aug. 11, 1749. Parsons Gurley died about May 1, 1804. His widow, Mrs. Mary Gurley died _____. Children of Parsons George Gurley and Mary Willis, his wife:

LUCY	Born Feb. 3, 1750.	m. William Thomas.
JOSEPH	" Oct. 12, 1751.	m. Martha Peterson. (M.B. Dated May 11, 1772.)
HENRY	" Apr. 9, 1754.	m. Priscilla Pitman.
SAMUEL	" Feb. 1, 1757.	died May 5, 1763.
CELIA	" Sep. 11, 1759.	m. Hewitt Edwards. (By J.M.B. - Southampton marriage bond, dated July 13, 1780, "Celia Gurley, dau. of George, to Hewitt Edwards, witness and security, Wm. Edwards, Geo. Gurley Jr. & Jordan Edwards.")
GEORGE	Born Feb. 19, 1762.	died Dec. 16, 1763.
GEORGE	" Aug. 16, 1764.	m. Lucy Martin. (By J.M.B. Southampton L.B. of May 17, 1786, "George Gurley Jr. m. Lucy Martin, dau. of James Martin. Performed by Rev. George Gurley of St. Luke's Parish, May 19, 1786.")
MARY	Born Apr. 18, 1767.	m. John Drake
PATTY	" May 3, 1769.	m. John Whitbee
JOHN	" Oct. 18, 1771.	m. Betsey (called Elizabeth) Gilliam.

John's M.B. dated Nov. 6, 1797 "to Betsey W. Gilliam, dau. of Thomas Gilliam. Security and witness, Benjamin Edwards and Samuel Kello Jr.

Re: JOHN GURLEY & BETSEY W. GILLIAM.

A.E.G. --Says John married as above and evidently died without issue, leaving a large estate, of which he attaches an inventory filling four pages. He then sets out his will, which he personally signed on Oct. 17, 1805, in presence of John Whitbee, Patsey M. Drake, Benjamin Edwards and Littleberry Baines. After leaving a negro boy to each of two nephews, John Edwards and John Drake, he left the balance of his estate to his wife, Elizabeth W. Gurley, and appointed her the sole Executor.

Will of Nicholas Gurley, Southampton Co., Va. Parish of Nottaway

In this will, FOUND IN Southampton W.P. 1, p. 419, Executed April 23, 1761, and signed by his X (mark) Nicholas Gurley mentioned his wife ANN, and three sons, Benjamin, Nicholas and William. "I do hereby certify of this will be copied" also I do appoint my trusty friends George Gurley and Joseph Cobb whole and sole executors", and he listed George Gurley, Sen., (who wrote his name) and Thomas Edwards and Mary Gurley, Jun. (these two by X) as witnesses.

The writer has a photostat of a typed copy of this will, furnished by Dr. Justus R. Holl. George Gurley Jr. (and not just George) is named as one of executors and one of the witnesses, Mary is not Mary Jun., but just Mary.

This will was probated March 11, 1762.

At any rate, it is significant that Nicholas Gurley, "of the County of Southampton and Parish of Nottaway" (as his will recites) has George Gurley Sr. "of the County of Seaton in the Parish of St. Luke" and/or his son, George Jr., or both as the case may be, to act as executor and witness. It certainly strongly indicates a relationship between the families of Nicholas Gurley and the two George Gurleys.

Nicholas Gurley must have been concerned about the health of his son, Benjamin, for in his will he said:

"I give and bequeath to my son, Benjamin Gurley, the land and plantation whereon he lives with appurtenances to him and his heirs forever, but if my sd. son, Benja. should die without heir lawfully begotten of his own body, I then give and bequeath this land to my son Nicholas Gurley and his heirs forever. * * * Furthermore my will and desire is that my sd. son Benjamin should have heirs lawfully begotten as aforesaid. that then and in such case all the remainder of my lands to be equally divided between my two sons William and Nicholas and their heirs forever, but if my sd. son, Benjamin, should die without heirs lawfully begotten of his body then my desire is that my son, Nicholas, have no right, title or interest in the division of the sd. dividend of land last mentioned, but be the sole property of my son William and his heirs forever."

Right here, let it be added that Va. land Office Book 15, p. 169, shows that on the 28th day of Feb. 1733, George the Second likewise granted one hundred acres of land on "the South side of the Nottaway River". The land grant to George (See page 17) on the same day for 150 acres was likewise situated on "South side of the Nottaway River". This is another strong indication of a connection between George and Nicholas Gurley.

RE: ESTATE OF BENJAMIN GURLEY.

The above concerns of Nicholas Gurley over whether his son Benjamin would have heirs were seemingly well founded for on March 11, 1762, the Court of Southampton ordered an appraisal of the estate of a Benjamin Gurley, deceased. The writer thought he had a copy of the will but cannot find it. He does have a copy of the appraisal which was returned on May 13, 1762, and filed in W.P. 1, p. 465. John Drake, Nathan Vassner & Tho. Edwards were the Appraisers.

Another Benjamin Gurley lived in New Hanover County in 1771, and left a will. The writer only has a photostatic copy of a letter which states "Benjamin Gurley will mentions Mary and Elizabeth. It was probated in New Hanover County in 1771."

The purpose of these notes is to attempt to show that all of family of Nicholas Gurley moved to Johnston County, N. C., except Benjamin; that he probably died in 1762;

To return to Benjamin for a moment, it will be noted that John Drake, one of appraisers of his estate, was a son in-law of George "Parsons" Gurley Jr.

JOHN GURLEY, THE 2nd. GURLEY IN JOHNSTON CO., N.C.

WRITER WILL CALL HIM "JOHN I" TO DISTINGUISH FROM ANOTHER JOHN.

Johnston Co. Deed Book I, which was opened in 1748, contains a deed, probably dated about 1747, wherein William Gurley transfers a part of his 1745 land patent to John Gurley, who had evidently followed him to Johnston County. His will, the first Gurley will probated in Johnston County, executed Dec. 21, 1759 and probated at the "February Court for 1760" is preserved in the original in Dept. of Archives, at Raleigh, on page 6 of Vol. 56.091. It is also recorded at Smithfield, in Johnston Co. It mentions his wife, KEZIA, and the following children:

1. ARTHUR GURLEY. His will, in Johnston CO. W.B.I., p. 765, and preserved in the original at Raleigh, in Vol. 56.091, at page 4, was not dated, but was proved at "April Court for 1761". It mentions his brothers Joseph and Nathan Gurley, leaves a bequest to Alexander Pool (who married Lydia, dau. of Mary Gurley of the 1792 will) and (which writer does not understand) also leaves a bequest to his mother-in-law, Kezia Gurley who, according to Will of John I., would have been his mother. He was probably a bachelor.
2. JOSEPH GURLEY. No data on him, except his name appears in several deeds.
3. NATHAN GURLEY. His will, in Johnston Co. W.B. I, p. 765, and preserved in original at Raleigh in Vol. 56.091, at page 9, was executed July 9, 1770, and probated "at May Court, 1777" mentions his wife, ANNA, sons, "eldest son Arthur, Robert and Nathan and daughters Elizabeth and Pereby. WILLIAM GURLEY SR. was named as Executor, and also William's wife, ANNA, likewise named."
4. RACHEL 5. Mitea Winea (thought to be a double name, but could have been two persons)
6. SIMON - His name does not other appear in Johnston records, to best of writers belief.
7. ESTHER.

RE: JOHN GURLEY # 2.

(Substitute EDWARDS for the Davis, as wife of John.)

Johnston Co. W.B.I, p. 88., records the will of John Gurley, executed April 6, 1794, and proved some time in 1795. The original will is preserved in Raleigh in Vol. 56.091, p. 7. It mentions his wife, ELIZABETH, (said to have been Elisabeth ~~Edwards~~) and sons, Lewis, Lazarus, Jeremiah, George, Joel and Edward. Mr. Justus of 1029 Vermont Ave., N.W., Washington 8, D.C. is a descendant and probably has more data on this line than any one else in the Country. According to his data, obtained from Bible record, John Gurley and Elisabeth Edwards had nine children, as follows:

1. ROBERT, b. March 6, 1744 and d. Nov. 28, 1760.
2. JOEL, b. May 30, 1747, living 1834. Settled in Wayne Co. N.C.
3. WILLIAM b. Oct. 16, 1749. (He was not mentioned in will - may have been dead then.)
4. EDWARDS b. Aug 13, 1752. Soldier in Rev. m. Sep. 19, 1776, Mary Davis. Edwards died in Johnston Co., N.C. Feb. 10, 1795, leaving wife, Mary, sons Jeremiah & Davis, and daughters, Keziah, Allie and Mary, the last posthumus. Joel Gurley, Exco. of will.
5. LEWIS, b. March 6, 1755. Settled in Wayne Co. N.C. Captain in Rev. Living in 1819. Died intestate, leaving sons, Lewis, b. abt. 1787 who m. abt. 1809, Gracie, dau. of John Wiggs; and Jeremiah m. Chloe Massey.
6. JEREMIAH, b. Dec. 29, 1759. Private in Rev. m. in S.C. Frances ? Died Gurley, Ala. 1843
7. LAZARUS b. Dec. 4, 1759 (Some mistake here) Father cut him off with 5 shillings in will.
8. GEORGE b. Jul. 29, 1762, d. bet. 1805-1810. Had son, Hugh Swinton Gurley.
9. JOHN, b. Sep. 14, 1767 and died Aug. 27, 1771.

Clues on Ancestry of William Gurley Sr., Cont'd.

Just when John Gurley # 2 first came to Johnston Co. N.C. is not known to the writer, as the numerous deeds to John Gurley do not make it clear which one is referred to.

The foregoing notes will give one a fair picture of the first Gurleys in Southampton Co. Va., and Johnston Co., N.C. and, coupled with the notes to follow, will reveal some of the many clues which indicate a definite connection between the two.

At this point, please refer back to page 18, and the will of Nicholas Gurley, in Southampton Co. Va., probated Mar. 11, 1762, in which he mentioned sons, Benjamin, William and Nicholas, his wife Ann, to which Mary Gurley Jr. was a witness. The war prevented the writer from getting to Southampton Co., but he has a lot of records gathered there by others, and has ransacked a good library for all Gurley records of Southampton. These records make it appear that Benjamin soon died, but do not show what became of his other two sons, William and Nicholas.

The will of George Gurley Sr., probated in Southampton in 1771 (see page 17) mentions two sons, John and George Jr. The latter died in Southampton in 1804, but records do not show what became of John.

As mentioned repeatedly, a William Gurley patented land in Johnston on April 20, 1745. Rev. James P. Smith, who made exhaustive Gurley research for me, wrote that John Co. Deed Book No. I., opened in 1746, contains a deed dated about 1747 wherein said William Gurley transferred a part of his patent to John Gurley, who would have been John No. I.

In another report, Mr. Smith mentioned having found a record of a patent of 300 acres in Johnston Co. to Nicholas Gurley in 1782. Johnston Co. Deed Book 2-I, p. 242, shows that on Oct. 24, 1794, Joseph Gurley, of Liberty Co., S.C. deeded 300 acres to Charles Gurley, of Johnston Co., the witnesses being Arthur Gurley and Isom Gurley. Mr. Smith wrote me:

"In the old deeds, those made at a distance had to have witnesses who would present openly at the County Court. In this case, Arthur Gurley appeared before the Court at its "February Session, 1801" and "proved in Court by oath"-- "Your Isom was thus in S.C. in Oct. 1794. Arthur Gurley would be the son of Nathan, will of 1776, and wife, Anna. Nathan was the brother of William, who was Isom's father. This seems clear."

In another letter, Rev. Smith said:

"It is difficult to identify Joseph whose deed in Liberty Co., S.C. in 1794 was witnessed by Isom. From other deeds it appears that Joseph and Charles are brothers and in possession of Patents granted Nicholas. The only patent in my note book to Nicholas is 300 acres in 1782. Nicholas is not mentioned in any of the wills here. I note that the will you sent me of Nicholas, in Southampton, 1762-62, gives sons Benjamin, Nicholas and William."

Thus it appears that Nicholas Gurley (Jr) disappears from Southampton records, was in Johnston Co., N.C. for a time, patented 300 acres there in 1782, and then moved on, as did Isom Gurley, to a new frontier; that in some manner which Mr. Smith did not make clear, due, perhaps to a missing Deed Book, Joseph and Charles Gurley acquired said 300 acres, or at least Joseph did, and conveyed to Charles. This strongly indicates that Nicholas Gurley had moved on from Johnston Co. at some time between 1782 and 1794.

WHO WAS THIS ANN GURLEY?

Nearly fifty years ago, A. E. Gurley went to Smithfield and Johnston Co. N.C., and presumably with meticulous care, as he was gathering data for another Gurley Book, studied and copied the Gurley records there. In his own unmistakable clear handwriting, he made the following record of three deeds by Ann Gurley:

Transcript of

"ANN Gurley of Johnston Co., N.C., sells to Joseph Boon a certain tract of land.
This deed is dated Nov. 18, 1792.

Witness:

Joseph Boon, Jun.
Arthur Gurley"

Mark. "

SAL.

"Transcript Page 245"

"ANN Gurley of Johnston County, N.C., sells to Jesse Hays a parcel of land.
This deed is dated March 21, 1786.

Her

Anne X Gurley

Witness:

John Hays

Mark. "

SAL.

Arthur Gurley"

"Transcript Book 3, Pages 210 1 "

"ANN or ANNE Gurley, of Johnston County, N.C., sells land to Joseph Boon.
This deed is dated Oct. 10, 1786.

Her

ANN X GURLEY

SAL.

Mark "

While it is easy to interchange ANN and ANNE, particularly where one cannot write and spelling is left to another, there is no record of such a name in the families of William Gurley, of 1745 patent, or of John 1, or John # 2. William had a wife named ANNA, as did Nathan Gurley of the 1776 will (see page 19). If the Ann or Anne in the above three deeds had really been Anna, one would think that, as loose as spelling was in those days, on at least one of the three occasions, the name would have been spelled correctly.

Moreover, under Colonial Laws, the title to all property owned by a woman was automatically vested in her husband, at marriage. For this reason, very few women, except widows and old maids owned land. We do know that Nicholas Gurley, of Southampton Co., Va., in his will of (see p. 18) 1761, left land to his wife Ann.

The writer cannot figure out who Ann, of the above three deeds was, unless she was Ann, the widow of Nicholas Gurley, who had followed her relatives to Johnston County, N.C.

AND WHO WAS MARY GURLEY JR??

It will be recalled that a Mary Gurley Jr. witnessed the will of Nicholas Gurley in Southampton Co. Va. The writer is pretty certain that somewhere, he has a record where, in the 1780s, a Mary Gurley Jr. witnessed a will or deed in Johnston Co., but it is of not of sufficient importance to spend a long time looking for it. And then there was a Mary Gurley Jr. listed in the 1790 Census for Johnston Co., N. C. (see p. 15) who may, or may not have been the same Mary Gurley Jr. who witnessed the will of Nicholas Gurley in Southampton.

Rev. James P. Smith, in one of his reports to the writer on his Gurley research said:
"The tie of all Johnston Co. Gurleys to Southampton Co., Va. is plain."

In 1931, Mr. Justus R. Voll enraged Mr. Wm. Ronald Coker Jr., of Richmond, Va., an

"These Southampton carboys are evidently closely related to the Johnston CO. N.C. family

"An odd thing that Frederick (Curley) is found in the 1780 Census in Perquimans County, N.C. In our records, Frederick Curley, in 1771, made a deed from Edgecombe Co., N.C., to Nathan Gurley for 125 acres for patent of April 20, 1745. This was the date of patents of William Curley Sr., the pioneer in this County (Johnston). Is it possible to think that Frederick is retracing the path that the Cherokee Tribe took in coming to this section?" (By J.M.B.-- Map shows that Edgecombe Co., N.C. lies directly between Johnston Co. and Southampton Co., Va., and that Perquimans Co., N.C. is in the extreme Northeast corner of the state, touching the Atlantic on the East and state of Virginia on the North, and not very far from Southampton Co.)

In Vol. II, p. 26, of "Compendium of American Genealogy" a Mrs. Charles C. (Mary A. Gurley) McCulloch claims that her Gurley descent was as follows, which will be incorporated herein for what it may be worth:-

1. William Gurley, of Scotch descent; probably came to Va. and N.C. about 1700.
2. John (d. 1771), of Southampton Co., Va.
3. John (d. 1794), planter, of Johnston Co., N.C. married Elizabeth _____
4. Edward (ca. 1760-1795), planter, of Johnston Co., N.C. mar. 1776, Mary Davis, etc. etc.

The above is interesting, and would be true, but the mere fact that it was published does not mean that it is true for, generally, the publisher of such compendiums will publish any claimed line of ancestry offered if the person claiming such ancestry will pay for same. Often there is a link or two in the claimed line of descent which is based upon a combination of hear-say, conjecture, wishful thinking or even rank assumption which is impossible of proof.

If the above means that the John Gurley who died in 1771, died in Southampton Co., Va. then he must have been an extremely poor Gurley, living among his kinsmen who were large land owners, for in 1931, the distinguished historian and genealogist, the Rev. Clayton Torrence, now the Secretary of The Virginia Historical Society, publishing a volume entitled "Virginia Mills and Administrations From 1632 to 1900", in which he listed all of such for every County in Virginia. His list for Southampton Co. does not name John Gurley.

The writer has a thick clip of photostats of Gurley deed records, etc. from various C. Counties, sent him by Mr. Nell, which ends up with following:

"The foregoing records go to show that the Gurleys who were early settlers in Anson Co., N.C. were great land owners, and were very industrious. These North Carolina Gurleys were a very stout and strong set of men. The most of them were six feet high and of robust build; and one, Jacob Gurley, was noted for his tremendous strength; it being said of him that he was as strong as any two men in his County."

JOHNSTON COUNTY, N. C. After examining the records of Southampton Co., Va.

found the record of 1705, the record of Southampton County, Va., bought and sold to the different lines of land which goes to show that they were men of high intelligence and wealth.

JOHNSTON COUNTY, N. C. After examining the records of Southampton Co., Va. found the record of 1705, where George Gurley died to George Gurley, and says that he died in Southampton County, Va. and in dated Jan. 10, 1705, the record of 1705, where George Gurley, Sr. died, and how he came into possession of the land, therefore it is presumed he came in possession of this land by a land grant from the State of Virginia some years previous to the date of this deed.

Virginia, like North Carolina, in the early part of the 17th century, kept no public records, the land records were all kept at the Capitol of the State,

and titles to land was obtained by a patent called a land grant and had to be signed and given by the Governor of the State, and people who purchased land in those states in those days were called Land Proprietors.

"Virginia and North Carolina in those days was very thinly settled and was practically a vast wilderness, inhabited by a few tribes of Indians.

"In Buffalo, Bear and Beaver were plenty in the forests, and the streams of water abounded with fish, which made it good hunting and fishing for the red man, but soon after the white man began to settle in these Southern States the Indians began to be troublesome and they were driven from their habitations across the Mississippi River, and from that day down to the present time those lands have been cultivated by the white man and the negro."

And at the end of the Johnston Co., N. C. records, A. F. Gurley wrote:

"I have given here all the Deeds and parts of deeds which I thought was of importance found on the Johnston County Land Records (at Smithfield) N. C.

"The first Deed given here is given in full, and is a very important Deed going back to April 20, 1705 (This date a copyist's error - should have been 1745 - see page 1 hereof) and is the earliest deed on record that I have been able to find of any of this Southern branch of the Gurleys, although Nicholas Gurley and George Gurley must have settled in Southampton County, Va., on or about the same time. TRADITION SAYS THAT THEY WERE THREE BROTHERS, BUT THIS WRITER DESIRES TO LET EVERY ONE THEIR OWN OPINION. Some say their early ancestors came to this country from Scotland, some say their early ancestor came from Ireland or England, but as to this there is no proof where they came from."

The Rev. James P. Smith, in one of his reports to the writer said:

"When General Sherman advanced on Smithfield on April 11, 1865, some of the records were hidden in Beulah Township, Major Hitchcock's Memoirs state that the Guard, which encamped in the Court House Square, broke up and made a fire of the ancient stacks in the court house yard. Some references state that the Federal soldiers threw books out of the court house windows.

In another report he mentioned that, at one time, which must have been in fairly recent years, fire inspection authorities had ordered a large quantity of loose papers to be taken out and burned. For these reasons, some of the Johnston Co. records are missing and this writer believes that these notes contain just about all the important existing records which throw any material light upon William Gurley of the 1745 patent.

Nearly fifty years ago, A. F. GURLEY, after examining the records of Southampton Co., Va. on the Gurleys, wrote:

"Between the years 1760 & 1828, the Gurleys of Southampton County, Va., bought and sold in that County 70 different pieces of land, which goes to show that they were men of ability, industry and wealth.

The first deed of any land to any Gurley on the land records of Southampton Co., Va. is given in Book 2, p. 306, where George Gurley deeds to George Gurley Junr., and says "George Gurley of Southampton County, and Parish of Netowamy, Vt's deed in dated Jan. 10, 1760. The record do not say where this George Gurley, Sen. came from or how he came into possession of this land, therefore it is presumed he came in possession of this land by a land grant from the State of Virginia some years previous to the date of this deed.

"Virginia, like North Carolina, in the early part of the 17th Century, kept no County records, the land records were all kept at the Capitol of the State, and titles to land was obtained by a Patent called a Land Grant and had to be signed and given by the Governor of the State, and people who purchased land in these States in those days were called Land Proprietors.

"Virginia and North Carolina in those days was very thinly settled and was practically a vast wilderness, inhabited by a few tribes of Indians.

"The Buffalo, Deer and Bears were plenty in the forests, and the streams of water abounded with fish, which made it good hunting and fishing for the red man, but soon after the white man began to settle in these Southern States the Indians became troublesome and they were driven from their habitations across the Allegheny River, and from that day down to the present time those lands have been cultivated by the white man and the negro."

And at the end of his Johnston Co., N.C. records, A. F. Gurley wrote:

"I have given here all the Deeds and parts of deeds which I thought was of importance found on the Johnston County Land Records (at Smithfield) N. C.

"The first deed given here is given in full, and is a very important deed going back to April 20, 1765 (This date a copyist's error - should have been 1760 - and is the earliest deed on record that I have been able to find of any of the Gurleys, although Nicholas Gurley and George Gurley have been settled in Southampton County, Va., on or about the same time. I am not sure, but I think that this GURLEY D. SUR'S TO B. T. VERY OLD TOWN IN OPINION, and that the early ancestors came to this country from Scotland, and say their early ancestors came from Ireland, but as to this there is no proof where they came from.

"I have given a sketch in one of his reports to the Governor of the State.

Benjamin Gurley, then an advanced on Smithfield on April 10, 1765, at the time the records were made in Berlin Township, N. C. (Smithfield) records were made in the County House, which broke up and was a ruin in 1765, and the records were moved to the County House yard. Some references state that the records were moved to the County House windows.

"I have also mentioned that an on-site, which was the Gurley house, was built in 1765, and that the Gurleys had ordered a large quantity of land in the County House. For these reasons, some of the Johnston Co. records are given in full, and I believe that these notes contain just about all the important existing records, and that the Gurley house was built by William Gurley of the 1765 patent.

On 11/19/44, the writer recently received a letter Brig. General
Adjutant General. In the Adjutant General's Office of the War Dept.,
and in the Adjutant General's Office of the War Dept.,

However, the collection of Revolutionary war records in this file is incomplete and it is possible that more information relative to the man in question may be obtained from the North Carolina Historical Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina."

This commission recently informed the writer that it does not engage in any research for the public and suggested that he could employ a genealogist to do so. This, thus far, the writer has not done, as he is willing to believe Isham's Affidavit; on file in Washington as to his revolutionary service.

At one time and another, Rev. James P. Smith conjectured that Nicholas Gurley, of the 1742 patent, John Gurley Jr., of the 1759 will, and Nathan Gurley, of the 1776 will, were all a brother of William Gurley Sr. of the 1745 patent, but this, of course, was just his guess from a study of the wills and deeds. It is unfortunate that the existing Johnston Co. records do not reveal more about William Gurley Sr., but they do convince the writer that he and his wife, Anna, were the parents of William Gurley who married Mary, of the 1792 will. The writer does not believe that said William, John, Nicholas and Nathan were all brothers, but he does believe that they were all related.

The writer is satisfied that he has traced his Gurley ancestry, with documentary proofs, back through Rev. Jeremiah, the two Ishams, and William (the husband of Mary of the 1792 will) to William Gurley Sr., of the 1745 Johnston Co. land patent; so assuming and believing that all of the early Johnston Co. N.C. Gurleys came from Southampton Co., Va., then when:

1. Nicholas Gurley, and George Gurley, Sr.,

1. Nicholas Gurley and George Gurley Sr. each obtained a land patent on Feb. 28, 1733, to tracts of land which were either adjacent or nearby "on the South side of the Nottaway River" in that portion of the Isle of Wight Co. which became Southampton; and
2. When said Nicholas and George and their descendants witnessed each other's will and deeds in Southampton; and
3. When Nicholas had sons named Nicholas and William and George had a son named John who are not accounted for in Southampton records; and
4. When a William patented land in Johnston Co. N.C. in 1745 and, within a year or two, sold a part of same to John Gurley, of the 1759 will, and Nicholas Gurley obtained a Johnston Co. patent for 300 acres in 1782; and
5. When the members of these families bought and sold land to one another and witnessed each other's deeds and wills, etc. then, and intermarried, then;...

This writer cannot escape the belief and conclusion that William Gurley Sr. of the 1745 patent was the son of Nicholas Gurley, of Southampton, as was Nicholas of the 1782 patent, and that John Gurley I., who either came to Johnston Co. with William, or soon followed him there, was the son of George Gurley Sr., of Southampton; and that said William and Nicholas were at least cousins of said John I.

For the benefit of some one who, I hope, will some day take up where I am leaving off, Rev. James P. Smith, in one of his reports, informed me that he had found a record where a James Gurley patented land in Craven County, N. C., in 1745 and where a Joel Gurley had obtained a Johnston Co. patent in 1760, and that he was unable to further identify either.

Originally, the entire state contained only six or seven counties, of which Craven County was one. It was subsequently split up into a number of counties, of which Johnston was one. It is therefore possible that the land patented by James Gurley in some part of Craven County in 1745 was a long long distance from Johnston County. At any rate, there is no suggestion in Johnston County records of any connection between its Gurleys and this James.

As to Joel, he could not have been the son of John Gurley and Elizabeth Edwards, for their son, Joel, according to Mr. Moll's Bible record, was born May 30, 1747, and could not have obtained a patent in 1760 when he was only thirteen years of age.

IN CONCLUSION:

The foregoing notes represent just about the sum total of all that the writer has been able to learn about his Gurley ancestry after several years of off and on research, the travelling of several thousands of miles, copying tons of records, borrowing, begging and buying stacks of additional records, spending hundreds of hours studying same, and the expenditure of quite a bit of money.

The writer therefore hopes that some day, some descendant of William Gurley Sr., of the 1745 Johnston Co. land patent, who has considerably more of brains, curiosity, energy, patience, health and money than the writer will take up where the writer is "signing off" prove or disprove that William Gurley Sr., of the 1745 Johnston Co. patent, was the son of Nicholas Gurley of the 1761 Southampton Co. Va. will, and otherwise around the Gurley line heretofore definitely established. The writer hopes that these notes will be of some value to some one who may make such an effort and that, if the effort should establish additional information, it will be passed on to the writer or his children. This document was started years ago, a little added each day, on some of which hours were spent looking for some record to be incorporated herein, and finally completed on the night of October 12, 1945.

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APPENDIX

Page 14, and 15, record of Henry Bush Gurley in Henry County, Georgia, 1840.

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The entire state contained only six or seven counties, of which Johnston was one. It was subsequently split up into a number of counties, of which Johnston was one. It is therefore possible that the land patented by James Gurley in Johnston County in 1745 was a long long distance from Johnston County. At present, there is no support in Johnston County records of any connection between its land and this land.

Therefore, he could not have been the son of John Gurley and Elizabeth Edwards, for their son, Joel, according to Mr. Loll's Bible record, was born May 30, 1747, and could not have obtained a patent in 1760 when he was only thirteen years of age.

IN CONCLUSION:

The foregoing notes represent just about the sum total of all that the writer has been able to learn about his Gurley ancestry after several years of off and on research, the travelling of several thousands of miles, copying reams of records, borrowing, begging and buying stacks of additional records, spending hundreds of hours studying same, and the expenditure of quite a bit of money.

The writer therefore hopes that some day, some descendant of William Gurley Sr., of the 1745 Johnston Co. land patent, who has considerably more of brains, curiosity, energy, patience, health and money than the writer will take up where the writer is "signing off", prove or disprove that William Gurley Sr., of the 1745 Johnston Co. patent, was the son of Nicholas Gurley of the 1761 Southampton Co. Va. will, and otherwise extend the Gurley line hereinbefore definitely established. The writer hopes that these notes will be of some value to some one who may make such an effort and that, if the effort should establish additional information, it will be passed on to the writer or his children. This document was started weeks ago, a little added each day, on some of which hours were spent looking for some record to be incorporated herein, and finally completed on the night of October 12, 1946.

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ERRATA.

Page 3. The 7th child of Henry Burch Gurley was Nancy Louisa, and not Nancy Kouisa.

Page 6, 3rd Paragraph. Correct interpretation of family of Isham Gurley Sr., in 1790 Census as "1-3-2-0-0" is 1 son over 16, 3 sons under 16, and 2 free white females, one of whom would be presumed to be his wife, if living, and the other a daughter.

Page 13, 2nd Par. Wesley Chapel Church, founded by Rev. Jeremiah G. Gurley, is in B'gham. Ala.

Pages 16 & 19. While John Gurley I, of 1759 will, did mention a son, Nathan, writer is not certain that Nathan Gurley, of the 1776 will, was son of said John Gurley I, as is indicated on Page 19 hereof. After having again reviewed extensive reports from Rev. Jas. P. Smith, in one he thought Nathan was son of John I., and in another, suggested that he was a brother of William of 1745 patent.

There is nothing, however, in Johnston Co. records which would indicate that he was not the son of said John I.

J.M.B.

George Gurley Jr. was Clerk of Southampton's Committee of Safety in 1775, according to Vol. 5 (1st Series) W.&M. Quarterly, p.248. J.M.B.

April 7, 1999

Greetings,

I will be visiting Isle of Wight County Library on Tuesday May 4 after noon to do some genealogical research on the GURLEY family.

I am a descendant of John Gurley with died in Johnston Co., NC about 1794 and part of the following line John - Lewis - Lewis Jr. - John - Needham - John Rufus - Richard Wallace - Ted Michael (Me).

I have found records that lead me to believe that John descended from a Nicholas or a George in the Isle of Wight area.

I recently had some of my research printed in the Johnston Journal (v.25 no.1).

I am trying to learn the following:

Who were the parents of John and where did they come from?

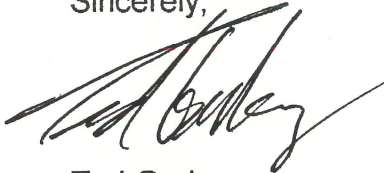
Some history of the Gurley's in Virginia

Who were the parents of Elizabeth Edwards, John Gurley's wife?

I look forward to visiting the Isle of Wight Library.

Please send me any information you might have on the library or genealogical references.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted Gurley', with a stylized, flowing script.

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The following books
contain some info
on the surname
Husley:

Vol IV and VI
Cavaliers & Pioneers
wills & adm of
Southampton Co, VA
1749-1800 by Blanche
Adams Chapman
Stk of Weymouth Co, VA
deeds 1720-1736

" 1741-1749
by Amy Lindsay Hopkins

Stk of King Co, VA
1736-1741

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